Hey Jack Kerouac

10000 Maniacs

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I think of your mother

And the tears she cried

They would cry for none other

Than her little boy lost in a little world that hated

And that dared to drag him down

Her little boy courageousHe chose his words from mouths of

Babes got lost in the world

Hip flask slingin' madmen

Steamin' caf' flirts

They all spoke through youHey Jack, now for the tricky part

When you were the brightest star

Who were the shadows

Of the San Francisco beat boys?

You were the favourite

Now they sit and rattle their bones

And think of their blood stoned days You chose your words from mouths of

Babes got lost in the world

The hip flask slingin' madmen

Steamin' caf' flirts

In Chinatown, howlin' at nightAllen baby, why so jaded?

Have the boys all grown up

And their beauty faded?

Billy, what a saint they made you

You're just like Mary down in Mexico

On all souls' dayYou chose your words from mouths of

Babes lost in the world

Cool junk bootin' madmen

Street minded girls

In Harlem, howlin' at nightWhat a tear stained, shock of the world

You've gone away without sayin'

Sayin' goodbye

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