

Tucson, Arizona (Gazette)

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Tucson, Arizona
Rising in the heat like a mirage
Tony keeps his Chevy
Like a virgin locked in his garageHe brings it out at midnight
And cruises down the empty boulevards
And he prowls the darkened alleys
That snake between the city's thirsty yardsThe lonely desert skies reflect
The anger in his eyes and it is dawnHis father died of drinking
And left five children sinking with his mom
His older brother Bobby
Never made it back from VietnamWith high school well behind him
He lives at home and works this shitty jobAnd he thinks his '60 Chevy
Is the only true amigo that he's got
His heart is filled with sadness
And his soul is like some ugly vacant lotMary Estelle Hanna
Came out from Louisiana for the sun
A deal gone bad in Dallas
Left her burned and broke and on the runTo make the rent and groceries
She takes this job at dollar 3.15 an hour
Serving shots of whiskey and tequila
In some smoky red neck barAnd she dreams some day
She'll make her way to L.A and become a movie starTony saw her working
He swallowed hard and asked her for a date
Mary laughed and answered
"I would but every night I'm working late" He said he had some cocaine
That she could have if she'd just ride along
She said, "What the hell, I may a well
I haven't had no fun in so damn long" He picked her up at closing time
They pulled out on the road and they were goneTony's mom got frantic
When she found her son had not come home
Mary's roommate panicked
And called the sheriff from a public phoneThey asked her lots of questions
She tried her best to tell them what she saw
And late that night they found poor Mary
Lying in some narrow, dusty drawAnd the coroner reported
That she hadn't been deceased for very longTwo weeks on they found it
Buried to the windshield in the sand
There inside lay Tony
With a small revolver in his handThe papers simply stated

It must have been the drugs that drove him mad

The neighbors speculated

What could make a good boy go so bad? Well, it might have been the desert heat

It might have been the home he never had

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