

# Death of a Ladies' Man

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Ah, the man she wanted all her life was hanging by a thread  
"I never even knew how much I wanted you," she said  
His muscles they were numbered and his style was obsolete  
Oh baby, I have come too late she knelt beside his feet I'll never see a face like yours in years of men to come  
I'll never see such arms again in wrestling or in love  
And all his virtues burning in the smoky holocaust  
She took unto herself most everything her lover lost Now the master of this landscape he was standing there at  
the view  
With a sparrow of St. Francis that he was preaching to  
She beckoned to the sentry of his high religious mood  
She said, "I'll make a place between my legs, I'll show you solitude" He offered her an orgy in a many mirrored  
room  
He promised her protection for the issue of her womb  
She moved her body hard against a sharpened metal spoon  
She stopped the bloody rituals of passage to the moon She took his much admired oriental frame of mind  
And my heart of darkness alibi, his money hides behind  
She took his blond Madonna and his monastery wine  
This mental space is occupied and everything is mine He tried to make a final stand beside the railway track  
She said, "The art of longing's over and it's never coming back"  
She took his tavern parliament, his cap, his cocky dance  
She mocked his female fashions and his working class mustache Now, the last time that I saw him he was trying  
hard to get  
A woman's education but he's not a woman yet  
And the last time that I saw her she was living with some boy  
Who gives her soul an empty room who gives her body joy So the great affair is over but whoever would have  
guessed  
It would leave us all so vacant and so deeply unimpressed  
It's like our visit to the moon or to that other star  
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