Plainclothes Man

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You're everybody's second home

Always trying to get me alone

An easy way to lose it all

Always there when all else fails

Over by the west side railsBut I don't really need that now

I never really did anyhow

I only really needed alcohol

Something that'll treat me okay

And wouldn't say the things you'd sayPlease turn out the light

I get a sick confusion headache trying to figure out who's rightDreaming on the silver strand

Waking up to plainclothes man

You little bastard, little boy in blue

Someone's gonna get to you

And fuck up everything you doHe's so unhappy inside

He's serious with everyone

And he thinks he'll win you with his angry kiss

Acting like he has no needs

Wanting you to watch him bleedMade for each other bet you pay me any mind

Just goes to show my continual decline

They say that I'll recover my love of her once in a while

But I don't know

I don't think so...There's something that I'll tell you now

Now that no one else is around

The sort of lesson that I learned from you

Not quite the way you planned

But I know you'll understandSomeone takes a photograph

A picture while their sweetheart laughs

A perfect moment in a flash of light

Counting back from 3 to 1

That's exactly what you've doneAnd I'm so unsurprised

I remember, I remember why I dream in black & whiteGoes to show my continual decline

They say that I'll recover my love of her once in a while

But I don't know

I don't think so

I don't think so...

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