Continental Op (To Dashiell Hammet)

Rory Gallagher

There's a body in the bay
The cops are taking it away
They said this case was closed
It only shows you that never knowSo who they gonna get
When the troubles got to stop
Here's my card
I'm the Continental OpJane Doe in the bay
Now that's exhibit 'A'
Bloodstains on the dress of the millionairess
But I saw you leavin' town
I'm gonna have to track you downJust like a hound
You slipped through the web
And you might have dodged the Feds
But who they gonna get when you've outfoxed the copsHere's my number
I'm the Continental Op
Call the agency, we never close
First consultation is free
Check my reputation, check my poseBut first check my fee
There's a menace on the streets
Offering infants sweets
Don't give this man a ride
Lock your car from the insideHe's suspect No. 1
But I guess his race is run
He left a set of prints
He's not as smart as he thinks'Cause who they gonna get
When the trouble's gotta stop
Here's my card
I'm the Continental OpThere's a body in the bay
The cops have taken it away
They say this case was closed
It only shows that you never knowBruises 'round the neck
When they did a body check
I saw you leaving town
I'll track you down like a hound
Who they gonna get when you've outfoxed the copHere's my card
I'm the Continental Op
Yeah, who they gonna get
When you've out foxed they copsHere's my badge

I'm the Continental Op

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