## **Slapped Actress**

## **The Hold Steady**

Advisory - the following lyrics contain explicit language:

Don't tell my sister about your most recent vision Don't tell my family they're all wicked strict Christian Don't tell the hangers on, don't tell your friends Don't tell them we went down to Ybor City againDon't tell the dancers, they'll just get distracted Don't tell the DJs, they already suspect us Don't mention the bloodshed, don't mention the skins Don't tell them, Ybor City almost killed us againWe are the theater, they are the people Dressed up to be seated, looking upwards and dreaming We're the projectors, we're hosting the screening We're dust in the spotlights, we're just kinda floatingDon't drop little hints, I don't want them to guess Don't mention Tampa, they'll just know all the rest Don't mention bloodshed, don't tell them it hurts Don't say we saw angels, they'll take us straight to the churchThey queue up for tickets to see the performance They push to get closer looking upwards with wonder We are the actors, the cameras are rolling I'll be Ben Gazarra, you'll be Gena RowlandsSometimes actresses get slapped Sometimes actresses get slapped Sometimes fake fights turn out bad Sometimes actresses get slappedSome nights making it look real Might end up with someone hurt Some nights it's just entertainment And some other nights it's worseThey come in for the beating, sit in stadium seating They're holding their hands out for the body and blood now We're the directors, our hands will hold steady I'll be John Cassavetes, let me know when you're readyWhoa, whoa, whoa, whoa Man, we make our own movies Man, we make our own moviesWhoa, whoa, whoa, whoa Man, we make our own movies Man, we make our own moviesWhoa, whoa, whoa, whoa Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa

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