Navesink Banks

The Gaslight Anthem

All hope abandon, ye who enter here Said the sign I read that was hangin' above her bed And the sirens all were wailin', but a man can ignore the signs Gotta keep a good eye on the windin' road aheadAnd my first sin was a young American girl My first sin was a young American girlAnd I spent time 'neath the trestles With the punks and the dime store saints Kept faith and a switchblade stuffed beneath my coat And I ran with dirty angels, slept out in the rain We were scared and tired and barely 17And my first sin was a fear that made me old My first sin was a fear that made me oldNow I walk down by the shipyards Near the place where I was born Sayin' "Oh, Maria, if you'da known me when"But she only smiles By the light on the Navesink banks Sayin' "Listen baby, I know you now"Then she steps into the river And I just stand by the moon Thinkin' 'bout a ghost I hear at nightAnd she says "Your first sin was a lie you told yourself" "Your first sin was a lie you told yourself"

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