

# Murder in the Red Barn

Tom Waits

There was a murder in the red barn, a murder in the red barn  
The trees are bending over and the cows are lying  
down  
The autumn's taking over, you can hear the Buckshot hounds  
The watchman said to Reba the loon  
Was it pale at Manzanita, was it Blind Bob the coon?  
Pin it on a drifter they sleep beneath the bridge  
One plays the violin and sleeps inside a fridge  
There was a murder in the red barn, murder in the red barn  
Someone's crying in the woods, someone's burying  
all his clothes  
Now Slam the Crank from Wheezer slept outside last night and froze  
Roadkill has its seasons just like anything  
There's possums in the autumn and there's farm cats in the spring  
There was a murder in the red barn, a murder in the red barn  
Now thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house or  
covet thy neighbor's wife  
But for some murder is the only door through which they enter life  
Well, they surrounded the house, they  
smoked him out, took him off in chains  
They sky runed black and bruised and we had months of heavy rains  
Now, the ravens nest in the rotted roof of Chenoweth's old place  
And no one's asking Cal about that scar upon his face  
'Cause there's nothin' strange about an axe with bloodstains in barn,  
There's always some killin' you got to do around the farm  
A murder in the red barn, murder in the red barn  
The woods will never tell what sleeps beneath the trees  
Or what's buried 'neath a rock or hiding in the leaves  
'Cause roadkill has its seasons just like anything  
It's possums in the autumn and it's farm cats in the spring  
A murder in the red barn, a murder in the red barn  
Now, a lady can't do nothin' without folks' tongues waggin'  
Is this blood on the tree or is it autumn's red blaze?  
When the ground's soft for diggin' and the rain will bring all this gloom  
There's nothing wrong with a lady drinking alone in her room  
But there was a murder in the red barn, a murder in the red barn  
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