

# The One That Got Away

Tom Waits

Well, the gigolo's jumpin' salty  
Ain't no trade out on the streets  
Half past the unlucky  
And the hawk's a front row seat  
Dressed in full orchestration  
Stage door Johnny's got to pay  
And sent him home  
Talking 'bout the one that got away Well, could've been on Easy Street  
Could've been a wheel  
With irons in the fire  
And all them business deals  
But the last of the big time losers  
Shouted before he drove away  
I'll be right back as soon as I crack  
The one that got away The ambulance drivers, they don't give a shit  
They just want to get off work  
And the short stop  
And the victim already gone berserk  
And the shroud tailor measures him  
For a deep six holiday  
The stiff is froze, the case is closed  
On the one that got away Now Jim Crow's directing traffic  
With them cemetery blues  
With them peculiar looking trousers  
Them old Italian shoes  
And a wooden kimono was all ready  
To drop in San Francisco Bay  
But he's mumbling something  
All about the one that got away Costello was the champion  
At the St. Moritz Hotel  
And the best this side of Fairfax  
Reliable sources tell  
But his reputation is at large  
And he's at Ben Frank's every day  
Waiting for the one that got away He's got a snake skin sport shirt  
And he looks like Vincent Price  
With a little piece of chicken  
And he's carving off a slice  
But someone tipped her off

She'll be doing a Houdini now any day  
She shook his hustle  
A Greyhound bus'll take the one that got away  
Andre is at the piano  
Behind the Ivar in the sewers  
With a buck a shot for pop tunes  
And a fin for guided tours  
He could've been in Casablanca  
He stood in line out there all day  
Now he's spilling whiskey  
And learning songs about a one that got away  
Well, I've lost my equilibrium  
And my car keys and my pride  
The tattoo parlor's warm  
And so I hustle there inside  
And the grinding of the buzz-saw  
"What you want that thing to say?"  
I says, "Just don't misspell her name  
Buddy, she's the one that got away"

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