

Samson in New Orleans

Leonard Cohen

You said that you were with me
You said you were my friend
Did you really love the city
Or did you just pretend You said you loved her secrets
And her freedoms hid away
She was better than America
That's what I heard you say You said how could this happen
You said how can this be
The remnant all dishonored
On the bridge of misery And we who cried for mercy
From the bottom of the pit
Was our prayer so damn unworthy
The Son rejected it? So gather up the killers
Get everyone in town
Stand me by those pillars
Let me take this temple down The king so kind and solemn
He wears a bloody crown
So stand me by that column
Let me take this temple down You said how could this happen
You said how can this be
The chains are gone from heaven
The storms are wild and free There's other ways to answer
That certainly is true
Me, I'm blind with death and anger
And that's no place for you There's a woman in the window
There's a bed in Tinsel Town
I'll write you when it's over
Let me take this temple down You said you loved her secrets
Her freedoms hid away
She was better than America
That's what I heard you say

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