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Oh, Maria

Your eyes are like a demon lover's child  
and lips of velvet issue invitation  
every time you smile  
You sucked me in, I must admit  
that I was waiting for a sign  
Won't you leave me on the corner  
by the light,  
because I'm stepping out tonight

Oh, Maria

I envy any man who knows your name  
Though once I knew you well  
I'm not ashamed to be the one  
who drags you down  
Your life is like a movie

Like a story pasted up on subway walls  
Won't you leave me something sacred  
when you fall?

unless there's nothing left at all

Your lips are like a faded Spanish rose  
and every moment strikes a pose  
on every technicolor close

And other women show their teeth,  
and schoolboy husbands beg relief,  
and empty lovers search the street

Maria

Convince me in the night you know the way

Though every lover brings another  
screaming to the light of day

Won't you leave me by the lamp post

In the haze of your perfume,  
night fades away

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