## **Scarlet Town**

## Gillian Welch

Buddy I went down to Scarlet Town
Never been there before
Well you slept on a feather bed
I slept on the floor

I don't mind a little town
Or drinking my coffee cold
But the things I seen in Scarlet Town
Did mortify my soul

Look at that deep well Look at that dark ray Ringing that iron bell In Scarlet Town today

I spent some time in New Orleans
And?

A Scarlet Town brought me down
Low as I ever been

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On the day I came to Scarlet Town
You promised I'd be your bride
You left me here to rot away
Like holly on a mountainside

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Now you may hide in Scarlet Town
For a hundred years or more
But the man who knows what time it is
Is knocking at the door

So fare you well, my own true love
If you ever see me around
I'll be looking through a telescope
From hell to Scarlet Town

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