

Better Off Without a Wife

Tom Waits

Oh it's just kind of little anthem here
All my friends are married
Every Tom and Dick and Harry
You must be strong to go it alone
Here's to the bachelors and the Bowery bums
And those who feel that they're the ones
Who are better off without a wife
I been sleepin' until the crack of noon
Midnight howlin' at the moon
Goin' out when I want to, and I'm comin' home when I please
I don't have to ask permission if I want to go out fishing
And I never have to ask for the keys
I never been no Valentino
But I had a girl who lived in Reno
Left me for a trumpet player didn't get me down
He was wanted for assault
Though he said it weren't his fault
You know the coppers rode him right out of town
I been sleepin' until the crack of noon
Midnight howlin' at the moon
Goin' out when I want to, comin' home when I please
Don't have to ask permission if I want to go out fishing
Never have to ask for the keys
They say I'm kind of selfish about my privacy
Now as long as I can be with me
We get along so well I can't believe
I love to chew the fat with folks
I have been listenin' to all your dirty jokes
I'm so thankful for these friends I do receive
I been sleepin' until the crack of noon
Midnight howlin' at the moon
Goin' out when I want to, comin' home when I please
Don't have to ask permission if I want to go out fishing
Never have to ask for the keys, no
Yeah, I got this girl, I know man this
She been married several times
I don't want to end up like her
I mean she been married so many times
She got bright sparks all over her face
Yeah you know the kind

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