

# Rocky World

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My hands are wrapped in your raven hair  
In the faded picture on the back stair  
We were narrow, we were steady, trembling and ready  
To give it hell in this rocky world You said do I look like I could be a strong mother?  
And raise the good side of a young daughter  
In the hotel Shangri La, let me tell you  
I've been thinking of her in this rocky world Chicago is heavy but I can't turn around  
I'm smuggling that whiskey over flesh and pound  
Michigan I worry and Suzy I'm sorry  
That I lost you out there in the rocky world Would you build me a building, a chapel out there  
At the top of the hill in the still blue air  
Near the weather vane, by the track and train?  
I'll be looking for you in the rocky world She's turning twenty, and out on the make  
Pounding the blacktop with a habit to shake  
She's looking for a manger in the eyes of a stranger  
Down in the streets of a rocky world Jenny has religion, she sinks in a chair  
She's made a decision to color her hair  
The black man cut the sugar cane and she watches the rain  
In a building away from the rocky world Yeah, I'll tell you something I'll never forget  
The sight of you in the silhouette  
Outside Sault. Ste. Marie, ah you really threw me  
When you pulled me down to your rocky bed In a crowded room, I stood there empty  
Looking for salvation and glory be  
When a shot turned my head and I saw you instead  
Walking into my rocky world

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