## Magdalene Lane

## **Don McLean**

The angels are lost in the city of stars

The wise men are down on their knees

And the fruit man of freeway will sell you his cars

When he's sure that you can't find the keysAnd the ladies on Magdalene lane

All worship the sun and the sand

And the migrants who come can't complain

For this is their promised landLa la la la la la la la la

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La la la la la la laMGM studios can't make the nut

They're auctioning Dorothy's shoes

Gable is gone, the good witch is a slut

And I've got the parking lot blues The wizard brought Benzedrine smiles

And he never let Dorothy doze

She died as she walked down the aisle

And all that remains is her clothesOver the rainbow a Kansas tornado

Can twist up a little girls head

Aunt Em's on relief and the tin man's a thief

And even the wizard can't wake the deadLa la la la la la la la la la

La la la la la la la laThe prophet has come to this kingdom of lights

But there's no one to listen or learn

And the Savior performs for the prophet's delight

While dissenters are banished or burnedAnd the heretics beg to be heard

But the Savior's on tour for the week

Salvation is found in His word

If only He'd learn how to speakAnd Lincoln is laughing with Amos 'n Andy

Concerning the Great Civil War

And Paul Revere sleeps with the worst looking creeps

While revolution's knocking at his doorLa la la la la la la la la

La la la la la la Magdalene Lane is the red light domain

Where everyone's soul is for sale

A piece of your heart will do for a start

But you can send us the rest in the mailFor we have our own families to feed

And we can't let them starve just for you

Well, we'd rather not watch while you bleed

So come back in an hour when you're throughIt's just another city full of sorrow

It makes no difference why I came

I only know I'm leaving here tomorrow

And only the motel man knows my name

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