

Phantom Doll

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raggedy ann came out to play
copping a thin disguise against the day
 painted a face across the mask
 victim of the looking glass:
 store windows are cruel
 mannequin charms outshine her own
 running away from her reflection home
 hangin her head behind the door
 sleepin on the kitchen floorin glorious dreams
 she walks outside her skin
 her face so fine, her waist so thin
 her voice like chimes and mandolins
 beautiful phantom doll
 saturday night on circus street
 beating a long and ill-conceived retreat
 carnival barkers bar her way
 she never hears a word they sayin glorious dreams
 she strolls, the boys beseech
 the venus queen of venice beach
 so near, so ever out of reach
 beautiful phantom dollmidnight, the struggle is over
 rise up, lily-white delicate shoulders
 outside, the poets all know her
 all of her children are waiting...beggars and wrecks line junkyard lanes
 tiffany slippers click-clack through the rain
 rickety bones and sheer chiffon
 dancin on the mayors lawnin glorious dreams
 they glide through gilded rooms
 the drakes and gravely pale dragoons
 the wasted daughters of the moon
 beautiful phantom dollraggedy andy wrote this song
 scribbled it here where oceans meet the dawn
 scuttled away on hansen claws
 cinderella sailors drawon glorious dreams
 sunrise, she spins her spells
 on rising tides of wishing wells
 on aphrodite lotus shells
 beautiful phantom doll

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