

Come Hell Or High Water

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Libertine the name that falls from her lips and splashes on my shoes like sad beads of rain, penetrating the soil and making ready the harvest of our love.

And me?
I got a bug to squash

This tale's been told a thousand times, so I thought that I shoulda known better
Than to supplicate a girl, on pedestal shoes
No pants and a real tight sweater
I'm laughin' too!
But it's from my embarrassment that I tremble
When she saw that I was just a hopeless imitation of the man that I most resemble

And the chords ring so familiar, to a man who's heard it all before
And the melody will forever linger, like perfume in a hardware store

It ain't that I seek loneliness ...
I just down right fail to understand
How a customary girl, on pedestal shoes
Can all but destroy one man

I wish I'd licked her to the ground
But I swallowed my tongue instead
Watched her from the shadows with a hideous frozen grin
While she carved her name in my head

Some folks talk 'round the way,
sayin', "B, you really got it made."
But I crawl 'round my room from night 'till day
Wonderin' if your star will ever fade

And I'll be here, come hell or high water
Love you like you're my daughter
Buy you new shoes 'cause I oughta

And only sometimes will my thoughts turn blue, like the skies
And every word is you

Now,
West of Bloody 16th street,
Are the remains of a man who was broken
By the rapture of a girl, on pedestal shoes
And man I tell ya,
That girl wasn't jokin'

And I've killed my mind a thousand times
Now my thoughts stay firmly in the present
But there's a kinda ugly breach, like a ocean in my soul
Keeps on naggin' me - so incessant

And the silence is louder than a H-Bomb
That explodes when I close my eyes
Sendin' shockwaves to the town you're from
In the hope that you'll stir - come alive

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