

The Bridge I Burned

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I'm walking down Times Square in the Electric Daylight
The sailors on shore leave stand out in their perfect white.
I'm up here with my spying glass at the window up above
For better or for worse - it's a perverse universe, my love.
Now I know, I should have never walked over the bridge I burned
Now I know, somehow I don't feel so alone.

"And remember to free faraway from the unbridled, and the impudent,
the malicious, and the unlucky.
For these being full of bad demons or rays are maleficent,
and like lepers and people stricken with plague,
they harm not only by touch but even by proximity and by sight.
" (Dig it!)

You mutter underneath your breath - IT ECHOES ROUND THE WORLD
Everybody comes from nowhere.
There is hope, it loops up in the air

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You said I used to be handsome if you screwed up your eyes
Professors and vampires drank up all the tears I cried.
Now there's a bird at my window, he feeds upon the pane (pain)
and sometimes he sings to me - a mocking bird in the twilight of infamy.

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Now I know, I should have never walked over the bridge I burned
Now I know, they've burned one sinner and the others are sadly following
(set to follow?)

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