

I tied the devil to the tracks
(Can you hear the train coming?)
I served him papers with a seal from the governor

The spoiler throwing voices
The vapors that they built this city on
But he don't write much for me anymore

When we keep hell in our hearts
We make no excuse for our genius
So what's my excuse now that hell has abandoned me?

I enticed the devil out with a bottle
But maybe it was he who lured me out instead

When we slept in penitent beds
We awoke in the loving arms of attrition
So what's my excuse now that hell isn't courting me?

Give me the strength to be widowed
Now that the honeymoon's over
Grant me the privileges saved for the sailors

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Goddamn you all
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I marched across the muddied stream
Illuminated from beneath
And the lock was picked with the church's key

We found on the belt of the veteran
And to open bar tabs in the taverns
Assembled in levels by the damned and fanatic for me

We never loved ourselves so well
As when we lusted after another
We hummed along to electric guitars
And the standard, whoa oh oh oh's
And we drank each other under the covers

I eased the devil back with the throttle
'Cause I'd rather live my life in regret than not take part in it

Ooh, if the devil don't mind, well it's alright with me
So what do I do when the devil don't notice me?

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And in my 27th year
I was dragged kicking and screaming into light
And I looked at God in the face and I said
I said, ?God?, I said, I said ...

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Can you hear the train coming?
And I tied the tracks in a lover's knot
Around the finger of a beautiful girl

I'll keep hell, I'll keep hell
I'll keep hell if hell will have me
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