

## Cheap Chipped Black Nails

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Now that you're back in town  
You look around at everything  
Well, it could be anywhere on earth  
Tryin' to count your change  
Inside the Asian store  
But you can't figure what it's worth

And she stands there like a specter  
On the corner of the street  
And you know you can't expect her  
To be subtle or discreet, no, no, no and

Her cheap chipped black nails  
Scratch the surface off a future  
That just left you in the past

Her cheap chipped black nails  
Pick the threads out of a suture  
That was holdin' your life fast

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She's got the bulldog tamed  
Docile and subservient  
And now it doesn't make a fuss

She runs with these sparky kids  
Who talk into their mobile phones  
Well, there must be so much to discuss

And you remember where you came from  
But you don't know where it's gone  
And you cannot find a name on  
The street where you came from, no, no, no and

Her cheap chipped black nails  
Show a wanton skill on the game tables  
The pinball and the pool

Her cheap chipped black nails  
Scratch the surface off an England  
That has made her hard and cruel

Her cheap chipped black nails

And you remember where you came from  
But you don't recognize, don't recognize it now  
And you can't expect her mercy  
Well, that much she won't allow, no, no, no and

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That just left you, left you in the past

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