You lost your reputation on a woman You didn't understand or care to know You get your education from your lovers But now there's just no place for you to go

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To be a runaway lover
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To give away what you lack
You'll never get your money back

You're set adrift with no direction Just like a ship that's lost at sea You don't care where you drop your anchor Make sure it doesn't land on me

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Walking around on a cloud
Cause every girl you meet just trips on you
Saying your name out loud
I guess you met your match
Now what will you do

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