

Valium Waltz

Old 97's

To drink as if lovers of the ultra-familiar
Hover above her as she's checking you out
Wander around her but never sleep with her
Watch her through windows as she pours herself out

You're scoring her shipwrecks with fiddles and dobios
Laugh at the plainclothes police the crowd
Carry her under like water, ether
Spirit her off when the music's too loud

And it's written all over the face of the daughter
Of the mayor of Marble Falls
When she winds up in Denton town
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Dream of the day when your memory is fickle
Pine for a time when your mind is made up
Wonder how long 'fore you're pear-shaped and wrinkled
Wind up on window-sills all knotted up

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