

Down in Hollywood

Ry Cooder

Well, did you hear the good news ?
There's gonna be some bad blues
Somebody said they're playing all night long
So go and fill your brown bag and put on all your clean rags
Let's go downtown and see what's going on

You take me down the Vine Street
Stop when you hear the back beat
And I'll sneak past the bounccer at the door
Now I know that he ain't looking
Not when the band is cooking
Because he's watching the ladies dancing on the floor

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Well, the scotch has started flowing
And some girls she is showing everything she's got
Folks, it's a sight!
Some men will give a week's pay if she would just dance down their way and s
ay
"Baby, I'm gonna take you home with me tonight"
Outside the streets is shaking and I hear the windows breaking
Some poor fool's gonna land in jail tonight
Well, all those hookers trying to pull your coat and the pimps reach out to
cut your throat
Ain't no way out of here without a fight
(What's that fool saying ?)

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Voice of gay male: "Hi. You know that you're going to get arrested the way t
hat those pants fir around your thighs. Oh, come back honey! Don't leave now
."

Voice of pimp: "Hey, bud. Come here, let me talk to you for a second. Give m
e that"

[Sounds of fists, a robbery]

"Cops coming"

Voice of policeman (Ry): "869 Victor." [radio code] "Jesus, this guy's a mes
s"

Voice of other cop: "Well, he's just drunk. Come on, pick him up, put him in
the car and take him downtown"

Well, his mama told him not to go
Little sister told him too
But the poor boy just didn't listen
Like he should have, that's too bad
He hitchhiked all the way from Burbank
Now, he's gonna end up in drunk tank
Some old man say, "Yeah, well, that's just the way it goes down in Hollywood
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For truth! Man, I'm telling you
Well, they'll do anything down in that low-down Hollywood
He'll be in a world of trouble now
Lord, have mercy
Can I get a witness