

## The Navesink Banks

### The Gaslight Anthem

All hope abandon, ye who enter here  
Said the sign I read that was hangin' above her bed  
And the sirens all were wailin', but a man can ignore the signs  
Gotta keep a good eye on the windin' road ahead

And my first sin was a young American girl  
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And I spent time 'neath the trestles  
With the punks and the dime store saints  
Kept faith and a switchblade stuffed beneath my coat  
And I ran with dirty angels, slept out in the rain  
We were scared and tired and barely 17

And my first sin was a fear that made me old  
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Now I walk down by the shipyards  
Near the place where I was born  
Sayin' "Oh, Maria, if you'da known me when..."

But she only smiles  
By the light on the Navesink banks  
Sayin' "Listen baby, I know you now"

Then she steps into the river  
And I just stand by the moon  
Thinkin' 'bout a ghost I hear at night

And she says "Your first sin was a lie you told yourself"  
"Your first sin was a lie you told yourself"