Magic

"I don't do this sort of thing," I said As he leaned in and ran his fingers through my hair I could tell he didn't believe me And I could tell from his sweet smile he didn't care

He slipped his hand under my skirt And for a moment I looked deep in to his eyes I didn't see much in there Apart from an emptiness I sadly recognised

"Let me take you far away from here," he said "I know some magic that is sure to pick you up!" I thought of me alone in my cold hotel bed And I said "Yeah, well... Why not..."

He took me back to where he lives We had a drink and tried to start a friendly chat But none of us felt much like talking About the lives that we were there to forget

And so he lay me on the bed And we undressed as street lights sliced us through the blinds His skin felt warm against my body But my body couldn't hold on to my mind

I drifted far away above this strangers room My thoughts got lost in the crowded streets of yesterday Until he stopped... And asked if he had come too soon I shook my head and turned away

We lay a little while in silence Until I got up, got dressed and splashed cold water on my face "I better go," I said politely "I don't usually stay out this late..."

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