

## Frank's Wild Years

Tom Waits

Well Frank settled down in the Valley  
and hung his wild years  
on a nail that he drove through  
his wife's forehead  
he sold used office furniture  
out there on San Fernando Road  
and assumed a \$30,000 loan  
at 15 1/4 % and put down payment  
on a little two bedroom place  
his wife was a spent piece of used jet trash  
made good bloody marys  
kept her mouth shut most of the time  
had a little Chihuahua named Carlos  
that had some kind of skin disease  
and was totally blind. They had a  
thoroughly modern kitchen  
self-cleaning oven (the whole bit)  
Frank drove a little sedan  
they were so happy

One night Frank was on his way home  
from work, stopped at the liquor store,  
picked up a couple Mickey's Big Mouths  
drank 'em in the car on his way  
to the Shell station, he got a gallon of  
gas in a can, drove home, doused  
everything in the house, torched it,  
parked across the street, laughing,  
watching it burn, all Halloween  
orange and chimney red then  
Frank put on a top forty station  
got on the Hollywood Freeway  
headed north  
Never could stand that dog