

# What's He Building?

Tom Waits

What's he building in there?  
What the hell is he building  
In there?  
He has subscriptions to those  
Magazines... He never  
Waves when he goes by  
He's hiding something from  
The rest of us... He's all  
To himself... I think I know  
Why... He took down the  
Tire swing from the Peppertree  
He has no children of his  
Own you see... He has no dog  
And he has no friends and  
His lawn is dying... and  
What about all those packages  
He sends. What's he building in there?  
With that hook light  
On the stairs. What's he building  
In there... I'll tell you one thing  
He's not building a playhouse for  
The children what's he building  
In there?

Now what's that sound from under the door?  
He's pounding nails into a  
Hardwood floor... and I  
Swear to god I heard someone  
Moaning low... and I keep  
Seeing the blue light of a  
T.V. show...  
He has a router  
And a table saw... and you  
Won't believe what Mr. Sticha saw  
There's poison underneath the sink  
Of course... But there's also  
Enough formaldehyde to choke  
A horse... What's he building  
In there. What the hell is he  
Building in there? I heard he  
Has an ex-wife in some place  
Called Mayors Income, Tennessee  
And he used to have a  
consulting business in Indonesia...  
but what is he building in there?  
What the hell is building in there?

He has no friends  
But he gets a lot of mail  
I'll bet he spent a little  
Time in jail...  
I heard he was up on the  
Roof last night  
Signaling with a flashlight  
And what's that tune he's  
Always whistling...  
What's he building in there?

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We have a right to know...