

Jesus of Rio

Violent Femmes

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Where they held a summit to save the world
And to mark the time when development as traditionally understood
Had failed
And the affluent North raping the South
Investment from the North means
Economic bondage for the South
Under the burden
Of debt payments

I was with a whore in Copenhagen
Drinking eight hundred dollars worth of Champagne
In kroner
She came from Rio
We were trying to save the world
We did not get what we wanted
She wanted money
She did not get what she wanted
I missed my wife
I did not get what I wanted

Death sat on my lap
Death sits on all our laps
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