The Birthday Party "Jennifer's Veil"

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So you've come back for Jennifer You know, she hides her face behind a veil And I'm warning you Frankie, leave on the next train Your Jennifer she just ain't the same

They quit waving that thing around Oh come back, oh come back And give me a chance to explain Your baby will never cry again

So don't try to reach out And don't let the ship's flag down Point the figure-head at the storm And drive her hard upon

Don't stop and don't stop And don't let the veil drop Another ship ready to sail The rigging is tight like Jennifer's veil

She drew the curtain on her face
Ever since they came and burnt the old place down
And why is she searching through the ashes?
Why, only Jennifer knows that now
And the officer, without a word
Left all his junk and just moved out
So don't try to reach out
And don't let the ship's flag down
Point the figure-head at the glass
Smash, smash, into shards

Don't stop and don't touch And don't let the veil drop Behind Jennifer's veil

Oh God, Frankie is that really you Oh, get back, don't reach out Get back And get that lantern out of my room

And don't try to reach out And don't let the ship's flag down Down, down over her, like a shroud And let her sail on the sea like a stone

Don't touch and don't touch And don't let the veil drop Another ship ready to dock The rigging comes loose like Jennifer's veil

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