

Elvira Madigan

"American Without Tears #2"

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December 1965 in caracas
When arnie laflem took a
piece of the pie
When he packed up the casino chips,
the iou and the abacus
And switched off the jukebox in
a a fool such as i
He was a leg man who was open to
offers
But he couldn?t get her off his mind as he
passed the tourist office
And as he entertained himself
singing just like sammy davis junior
He toyed with her
trip to miami
For money like that
He could have sweet
talk in her ear
Now they don?t speak any english
Just american without tears
It was an idea that he dangled
on his knee
And nursed it like his coffee cup
When he
couldn?t find any other way
It always seemed to come
to him
While the day was dipping down
And sun was like
a lightbulb
Being swallowed by a clown
He took her for
everything
He took her for his only one
He took her out
of coventry and over to idaho
But the war wound that
he carried home
Wasn?t really visable
When bullets
were forgotton
She lived dowdry, down, and
miserable
And she seemed to be crying for year after
year
And says, you don?t speak any english
Just american between tears.
Honey she said to me will you
turn down the radio.
You haven?t slept a wink since we
came to havana
When you?re gonna get the strength to
go over to florida
All you ever listen to is ?the voice of
america?.
It was the story of a young english
puppet
Who took up with a soldier boy
And thought she
would profit.
Just like me she found out what true love is
about
Anyway she?s in new orleans it would never work
out
Oh she seemed to be crying for year after year
Now
you don?t speak any english
Just american between
tears.
Just american without tears.
For you seem to be
crying year after year
Now you don?t speak any
english
Just american without tears.
Just american
without tears.

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