

## **Fatima Mansions "Valley Of The Dead Cars"**

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A box full of groceries  
Rotten clothes, she's torn her knees  
In the main street chill  
She sleeps at night in broke-down cars  
Squirts the dreams into her arms  
She says, "Junkie-man, have your fill."

Well, she had friends that went abroad and do not  
write  
She says the hardest ones are those who stay behind

CHORUS:  
In the valley of the dead cars  
they would end it all if they could start  
They sent out their kids to wander the world  
Now they can rest at last

You're out scootin' by the graveyard  
and you're looking for a brave heart  
Could've been your lover but you said you never gave  
You have to be home early  
or you'll get smacked 'round the head till bedtime  
Now you hike the roads on your half-shod feet  
You hump the devil, you hump the police  
Criss-cross Harlem playing hide-and-seek with death

And now she lurches off as haughty as a queen  
to take the waters in old Skibbereen--CHORUS

So I took her back with me to my own true place

which was a mildewed and disintegrating cottage  
overlooking a disused waterfall  
and we lay there in silence, fruitless silence  
until just before dawn when she rolled over onto me

They come withal in their Japanese cars  
They know where the good meal bargains are  
and they spy by the side of the road  
in the twilight, rain and storm  
She juts her thumb in futile haste  
Contempt to her is sweet to taste

The nuns told her, "Do not waste sensation."

When the towns are all just smoking empty shells  
she will still be here doing what she does well

In the valley of the dead cars  
at the mouth of a flooded mine  
I will embrace you hard  
and we'll wait for the sun to shine  
in the valley of the dead cars  
The valley of the dead cars

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