Ian Dury & The Blockheads "Sweet Gene Vincent"

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Blue Gene baby

Skinny white sailor, the chances were slender
The beauties were brief
Shall I mourn you decline with some thunderbird wine
And a black handkerchief?
I miss your sad Virginia whisper
I miss the voice that called my heart

Sweet Gene Vincent Young and old and gone Sweet Gene Vincent

Who, who, who slapped John?

White face, black shirt White socks, black shoes Black hair, white strat Bled white, died black

Sweet gene Vincent
Let the blue cats roll tonight
At the sock hop ball in the union hall
Where the bop is their delight

Here come duck-tailed Danny dragging Uncanny Annie She's the one with the flying feet You can break the peace daddy sickle grease

The beat is reet complete
And you jump back honey in the dungarees
Tight sweater and a pony tail
Will you guess her age when she comes back stage?
The hoodlums bite their nails

Black gloves, white frost Black crepe, white lead White sheet, black knight Jet black, dead white

Sweet Gene Vincent There's one in every town And the devil drives 'till the hearse arrives And you lay that pistol down

Sweet Gene Vincent There's nowhere left to hide With lazy skin and ash-tray eyes A perforated pride

So farewell mademoiselle, Knickerbocker Hotel Farewell to money owed But when your leg still hurts and you need more shirts You got to get back on the road

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