

## Laura Nyro "Blackpatch"

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Invitations to my party  
Send Jones an inviting card  
He got his mean streak from the gutter  
Got his kindness from God

Now tugboats paint the river  
Carry coal to the city in white dock liners  
Happiness on the uptown side  
At my party in the morning tide

Ooh, la, la, la, blackpatch  
Ooh, la, la, la, blackpatch  
Ooh, la, la, la, blackpatch  
In blackpatch, in blackpatch

Clothespins on wash ropes  
Window to window tie  
Socks and bells and nightgowns  
Tassels in the morning, tassels in the morning sky

People, are you ready?  
(Ready, ready)  
People, are you trying?

Ready, ready, ready, ready  
(Ready, I'm ready)  
I'm ready, I'm ready

Womanchild on the side street  
Flashing in blackpatch  
Lipstick on her reefer  
Waiting for a match

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