

## **Daniel Lanois**

### **"Silium's Hill"**

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Shoe Shine Mamma  
Spits for her money  
Wants to make a living  
Try to make her own

All she ever wanted was to  
Make her own money and  
Settle down on Silium's Hill

She prayed by the water on Manitou Bay  
Sipping ambrosia on a holy night  
Counting the lovers that had passed her way  
They could not see her on Silium's Hill

On a frozen lamp pole I scratch her name  
With my rusty old penknife  
On a empty heart  
Standing by the window, is that you out there  
At the Southern Cross over Silium's Hill

Oh, baby will you ride with me  
Through the wheat towns to Medicine Hat  
When the cold winds blow I'll be there  
I'll hang on tight, baby sure go for that

Now the old man knocks at my front door  
Shoe Shine Mamma isn't here anymore  
There's a stranger in my place  
Looking out over Silium's Way

Listen to the humming of the railway cars  
My hands frozen on the wheel  
Six hundred miles away from home  
Running on the shadow of Silium's Hill

Somewhere back on Church Street  
Shoe Shine Mamma spits for her money  
Trying to make a living, wanna make her own  
Down at the bottom of Silium's Hill

Mamma wanna build her own  
Down at the bottom of Silium's Hill

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