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### "Do Not Disturb"

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She had a do not disturb sign hanging off her back  
She looked taller than she was in her tapered slacks  
Calculated head of hair and cowboy boots  
She said, I'm a country girl from down on 8th avenue

She bought a bottle of wine  
Two bananas and a New York Times  
The man behind the counter smiled this time  
Cant blame him boys  
I heard him sigh above the dirty white noise

I saw a poodle in a parking lot look just like you  
He was sitting in a pink Cadillac with a view  
Waiting for his mistress with a beret on his head  
I wanted to laugh but it wasnt funny yet

It was a quarter to nine  
He was running on Las Vegas time  
Show's about to start so stand in line  
Can't blame him boys  
I heard him sigh above the dirty white noise

Three women in the front seat of a 60's Chevrolet  
Fins and wings and rattle of tailpipe  
Driving down a New York City street like it was day  
But it was 2 AM and they were stuck at a red light

Somebody yelled from behind  
Thought the three looked like a valentine  
But the bumper sticker read Treat Her Right  
Can't blame 'em boys  
I heard 'em sigh above the dirty white noise

He was watching the TV like it was really gonna talk  
Watching it close like it was really gonna walk  
Some woman on the screen was getting killed again  
It was a rerun of the rerun where they all die in the end

I don't know why

He was a big fan of the violent crime  
Remote control was hidden in his eyes  
Can't blame him boys  
I heard him sigh above the dirty white noise

We were sitting in a cafe designed by Paul Hlee  
I asked myself, is this real or a toupee  
Everybody was so young they still smoked cigarettes  
I guess the collective unconscious hasn't woken up yet

It was a quarter to nine  
We were running on Las Vegas time  
Show's about to start so stand in line  
Can't blame us boys  
We all sigh above the dirty white noise

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