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"Carmelita"

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I hear mariachi static on my radio
And the tubes they glow in the dark
And I'm there with her in Encenada
And I'm here in Echo Park
Carmelita, hold me tighter
I think I'm sinking down
And I'm all strung out on heroin
On the outskirts of town
I pawned my Smith-Corona
And I went to meet my man
He hangs out down on Alvarado Street
By the Pioneer Chicken stand
Carmelita, hold me tighter
I think I'm sinking down
And I'm all strung out on heroin
On the outskirts of town
Well, I'm sitting here playing solitaire
With my pearl-handled deck
This county won't give me no more methadone
And they cut off your welfare check
Carmelita, hold me tighter
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On the outskirts of town

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