

Al Stewart "Accident on 3rd Street"

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Linda was killed last Saturday about fifteen blocks from
where she lives

In a car crash, people gathered around the graveside
friends and relatives dressed in black

Preacher mumblin' how she's bound to go to Heaven
The service started at half-past ten, it was all over by
eleven

They say it's God's to give, and God's to take away,
But why He happened to pick Linda on a Saturday
night, no one could say.

Maybe it's just one of those things
One of those things

They found guy the who did it, he had the lobotomy
and the chicken eyes,

And he gazed around the courtroom with a kind of
vague surprise

Reminded me of one of those Vikings with the long-
handled swords

The kind of guy even Joan Baez would not feel non-
violent towards

Said he wasn't looking, maybe he had had a bit too
much

It was dark, it was raining, he didn't see the light or
some such

It was just one of those things,
One of those things.

I asked my local guru the situation and he gave me this
reply

While pointing a bony finger up into the general
direction of the sky:

"Get on with your own life, it is not ours to reason why"

Said he used to worry about it once when he was young

Now he doesn't even bother to try

He left me with a feeling that what he said was
basically sound

Like a black hole in space, or philosophy, useless but
profound

Just one of those things,
One of those things.

Tonight I'm gonna take myself down to my local cafe
Gonna get smashed out of my mind, gonna waste
myself away
Gonna drink and drink and sink into that dark abyss
I wanna be just like that Viking, I wanna know if
ignorance is truly bliss.
Linda's in the cold ground, won't see her anymore
Somewhere out on the highway tonight, the drunken
engines roar
It's just one of those things,
One of those things.

Oh, just one of those things.

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