

## Al Stewart "Old Compton Street Blues"

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Oh, your pictures, they don't really do you justice little  
girl  
For you're careful not to let the camera touch your  
private world  
And there's just a hint of sadness in your smile through  
the dark  
As you slip your dress off slowly for the sailor or the  
clerk

And it could have been so different and at times you  
feel bad  
For you really did have something that the others never  
had  
And the circle turns and turns and turns so mad, little  
girl  
Ah, you must have been just fifteen when you made  
your mind up first

That you'd make it in the movies and you couldn't lose  
the thirst  
And it took you to the attic where the agent king holds  
court  
And his courtesans are fully paid up losers of a sort  
He looks at you and tells you that you just might get the  
part

But you don't get things for nothing and he doesn't  
want your heart  
And the circle turns and turns and turns so mad, little  
girl  
You made it to the silver screen and yet you're not a  
star  
And advertising corsets didn't get you too far

But money has its favorites and yours went back to  
them  
So, you modeled in a studio in Greek street for the rent  
There you met Antonio, your lover from afar  
Who put you on the streets to make the money for his  
car

And the circle turns and turns and turns so fast, little

girl

Ah, your pictures they don't really do you justice any  
more

For they're crumpled now and faded and were taken  
long ago

And that faintly coy expression has now left without a  
trace

Ah, there's little of it buried in the ruins of your face

It could have been so different, and at times you feel  
bad

For you really did have something that the others never  
had

And the circle turns and turns and turns so mad, little  
girl

For the circle turns and turns and turns so sad, little girl

Oh, the circle turns and turns and it's too bad, little girl

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