

## **The Sugar Plant by Mike Doughty**

### **"Down On The River By The Sugar Plant"**

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All of the girls out with their hips asway  
And I'm the loneliest man  
They're selling incense and sunglasses on Orchard  
Street  
Boatloads of bootleg Sean John

And I'll dream you up in this vast, dark bed  
Believe I loved you for each hair upon the back of your  
neck, and I  
Want to kiss you but I can't  
Down on the river by the sugar plant

Earrings  
Weighing down the lobe and  
Nose a lovely slope and the mouth turned down  
Shoulders  
Pale and beautiful and  
Angle of the throat and  
Your sweet sad stare

All of the waves that crash upon the shore  
Fruitlessly shushing the world  
I pledge allegiance to my displacement  
My flag of doubt is unfurled

And I'll dream you up on a vast, dark coast  
Believe I see you walking toward me, arms  
outstretched like a Ghost, and I  
Want to kiss you but I can't  
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