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Robyn Hitchcock "De Chirico Street"

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I was followed home by a weighing machine

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It said, "What do you know?" I said, "What do you mean?"

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And the numbers turned to fingers

And the fingers turned to flies

And they buzzed around your portrait

I was followed home by a 73

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It was advertising you and me

On De Chirico Street

In the photograph we kissed

The conductor's name was Milo

As the bus went past, he hissed,

"Fleshhead!"

A hyena sprang, she was on all fours

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And her outline showed through a strip of gauze

On De Chirico Street

If you meet me by the clock

I can kiss you through the window

'Cause you love that sudden shock

Don't moralize

Get on with it

You can go

Now you've discharged all your responsibilties

N-n-n-n-n-n-now now now

On De Chirico Street

Ah... ah...

As the sundial fell, it was oh so black

On De Chirico Street

And the lizard's tail slithered in the crack

On De Chirico Street

And the pale yellow globes

Flickered softly through the window

As you paced the night with strobes

It's the darkest dream in the whole wide world

On De Chirico Street

It's a bat, it's a bat, it's a bat, it's a girl

On De Chirico Street

In my pocket, nightmares dress

I said, "Jasper, this one's evil!" But I love my lioness... My lioness!

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