

## Stan Ridgway "Stormy Side Of Town"

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The tires roll the gutters and you can hear the beer  
cans crunch  
Two ladies sit together on a park bench, feed the  
pigeons, and eat lunch  
And the window's always broken and the corner has a  
street light that's burnt out  
And everyone walks away when the cops drive by, roll  
down their windows, and shout  
So if you're wonderin' where the trouble starts when  
you hear the sirens sound  
It's where the trouble always ends " " on the  
stormy side of town  
Where it keeps rainin' all the time

Now there's a young girl leanin' on the fender of a long  
black car  
And a man built like a buddha " " used to box,  
and now he works at paintin' tar  
And the kids play in the streets, while their parents  
stick their fingers in the fans  
And the trash is piled up high by the bus stop where the  
riders wait and stand  
And everyone has said the big show-off doesn't seem  
to be around  
And no one asks for names or business cards on the  
stormy side of town  
Where it keeps rainin' all the time

Chorus:  
On the stormy side of town  
It's rainin' all the time  
On the stormy side of town  
It's rainin' all the time  
On the stormy side of town  
It's rainin' all the time  
On the stormy side of town

And all the empty eyes that don't look up  
Still say it every time " "  
"You've got your job, and I've got mine"

Shadows from the buildings creep along the parking

cars

While the women spank their babies and the old men  
just drink all day in bars  
And the people that "never see it" always end up as the  
ones who've seen it all  
And the liquor store is crowded, while an empty phone  
booth rings another call  
And the hills that used to all seem green now look an  
ugly brown  
And no one ever found any movie stars on the stormy  
side of town  
Where it keeps rainin' all the time

Chorus repeat

So bring a bottle and a paper bag  
And expect to pass it all around  
And last one out's a rotten egg  
On the stormy side of town

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