

Steely Dan

"Mister Sam"

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Catalyst

He
Used to work here
In her garden
But he don't no more

Spellbound
By his pansies
He caressed them
On the greenhouse floor

She
Was the lady
On the outside
Searching, elegant, finally

He
Was the lowball
Cocker Spaniard
That we all ignore

Mister Sam don't look so good no more
I've never seen him cry out loud before

One
Lovely evening
Left abandoned
By her China man

She
On the rebound
She amazed him
With her sleight of hand

Smoking
Fragrant opium
Wild gambling
All the signs of a lifetime of

Leisure

With no worries
All the details
So precisely planned

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before

Long
Past midnight
In the half light
Just before the dawn

Broken
Sorry animal
By the greenhouse
On the southeast lawn

Standing
Almost human
Crying please
And the screams could be heard

We are told
By a neighbor
Who was wakened
By his tuneless song

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