

## Merchant Natalie

### "Ophelia"

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Ophelia was a bride of God  
A novice Carmelite  
In sister cells  
The cloister bells tolled on her wedding night  
Ophelia was the rebel girl  
A blue stocking suffragette  
Who remedied society between her cigarettes  
And Ophelia was the sweetheart  
To a nation overnight  
Curvaceous thighs  
Vivacious eyes  
Love was at first sight  
Love was at first sight  
Ophelia was a demigoddess in pre-war Babylon  
So statuesque a silhouette in black satin evening  
gowns  
Ophelia was the mistress  
To a Vegas gambling man  
Signora Ophelia Maraschina  
Mafia courtesan  
Ophelia was the circus queen  
The female cannonball  
Projected through five flaming hoops  
To wild and shocked applause  
To wild and shocked applause  
Ophelia was a tempest cyclone  
A goddamn hurricane  
Your common sense, your best defense  
Lay wasted and in vain  
For Ophelia'd know your every woe  
And every pain you'd ever had  
She'd sympathize and dry your eyes  
And help you to forget  
Help you to forget  
And help you to forget  
Ophelia's mind went wandering  
You'd wonder where she'd gone  
Through secret doors down corridors  
She wanders them alone  
All alone  
fade to different spoken languages

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