

## **The Gaslight Anthem "The Navesink Banks"**

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"All hope abandon, ye who enter here"  
Said the sign I read that was hanging above her bed  
And the siren's all willing  
But a man can't ignore the signs  
You gotta keep a good eye on the winding road ahead

And my first sin was a young American girl  
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And I spent time 'neath the trestles  
With the punks and the dimestore saints  
We kept faith and a switchblade tucked beneath my  
coat  
And I ran with dirty angels  
Slept out in the rain  
We were scared and tired and barely seventeen

And my first sin was the fear that made me old  
And my first sin was the fear that made me old

And now I walk down by the shipyards  
Near the place where I was born  
Saying, "Oh Maria, if you'da known me when"  
But she only smiles by the light on the Navesink Banks  
Saying, "Listen baby, I know you now"

Then she steps into the river  
And I just stand by the moon  
Thinking 'bout a ghost I hear at night  
And she says, "Your first sin was a lie you told yourself."  
"And your first sin was a lie you told yourself."

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