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The Hold Steady "Banging Camp"

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Holly wore a string around her finger She said it helps her to remember all the nights that we got over And besides, it ties her outfit all together Holly wore a string around her finger

There are strings attached to every single lover But they still can't even tether us together Listen to the back of the theater, I think they really love one another There are strings attached to every single lover

When they say great white sharks They mean the kind in big black cars When they say killer whales They mean they whaled on him 'till they killed him up in penetration park

Holly wore a cross to ward them off She said if they think you're a Christian then they won't bring in the dogs And if they think you're a Catholic then they'll want to meet your boss Holly wore a cross to ward them off

Yeah, there's camps down by the banks of the river And it's sketchy in the night but they mostly lay low in the light Hey sweet recovery, come on, won't you wade into the water with me? You know, there's camps down by the banks of the river

When they say black and tans You know they mean the kind from the cans We don't got time to mix it all together I'm a very busy man, man

She said I dig those awkward silence 'Cause I grew up in denial and went to school in Massachusetts He said hi, I like to party on the problem blocks And I can't stand it when the banging stops

I saw her at the party pit She was shaky but still trying to shake it Half naked and three-quarters wasted She was completely alone

I saw him at the riverbank He was breaking bread and giving thanks With crosses made of pipes and planks Leaned up against the nitrous tanks

And he said take a hit Hold your breath and I'll dunk your head Then when you wake up again Yeah, you'll be high as hell and born again

Yeah, there's strings attached to every single lover There's strings attached to every single lover

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