

The Hold Steady

"How A Resurrection Really Feels"

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Her parents named her Hallelujah, the kids all called
her Holly
And if she scared you then she's sorry, she's been
stranded at these parties
These parties they start lovely
But they get druggy and they get ugly and they get
bloody

The priest just kinda laughed, the deacon caught a
draft
She crashed into the Easter mass with her hair done up
in broken glass
She was limping left on broken heels
When she said, "Father, can I tell your congregation
how a resurrection really feels?"

Holly was a hoodrat, and now you finally know that
And she's been disappeared for years, today she
finally came back
St. Louis had enslaved me, I guess Santa Ana saved
me, St. Peter had me on the queue, the St. Paul saints
they waved me through
I was all wrapped up in some video booth when I heard
her say "I love you too"

She said I've laid beneath my lovers but I've never
gotten laid
Some nights she felt protected, some nights she felt
afraid
She spent half last winter just trying to get paid
From some guy she originally thought to be her savior

They wrote her name in magic marks on stop signs and
subway cars
They got a mural up on East 13th that said "Hallelujah,
rest in peace"
Hallelujah was a hoodrat, and now you finally know that
She's been disappeared for years, today she finally
came back

Walk on back, walk on back

She said don't turn me on again
I'd probably just go and get myself all gone again
Don't turn me on again
I'll probably just go and go and get myself all gone
again

So don't turn me on again
I'll probably just go and go and get myself all gone
again
Hallelujah was a sexy mess, she looked strung out but
experienced
So we all got kind of curious

Walk on back...

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