

**Tom Waits****"29 00"**

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little black girl in a red dress  
on a hot night with a broken shoe  
little black girl you shoulda never left home  
theres probly someone thats still waitin up for you  
its cold back in chicago  
but in los angeles its worse  
when all you got is \$29.00 and an alligator purse

i see already that vulture in the fleetwood  
with the shartruse hood  
can see you're trying to get your bearings  
and you say hey which ways the main stem  
and where ever you say you're from  
he'll say he grew up there himself  
and he'll comeon and make you feel  
like you grew up right next door to him  
and you say take a left on central  
and he throws it in reverse  
cause you only got \$29.00 and an alligator purse

and he'll come on like a gentleman  
and you'll be a little shy  
you say your ex old man was a sax player  
he'll say baby i used to play bass for sly  
and you say you like his cadillac, say honey i got 2 or 3  
he'll say sweetheart you're sure fortunate  
that you ran into me  
when you've done a dime in the joint  
you figure nothin could be worse  
and you got \$29.00 in an alligator purse

well he got pharoh on the 8 track  
you start smokin a little boo  
you thinkin gettin out of chicago was the  
best thing ever happened to you  
but he ain't no good samaritan  
he'll make sure he's reimbursed  
lot more than \$29.00 and an alligator purse

now the sirens just an epilog  
the cops always get there to late

they always stop for coffee on the way to the scene of  
the  
crime  
they always try so hard to look like movie stars  
they couldn't catch a cold  
you only wasting your dime  
and she's lucky to be alive  
the doctor whispered to the nurse  
she only lost a 1/2 pint of blood  
\$29.00 and an alligator purse

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