

## Tom Waits

# "Better Off Without A Wife"

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Oh it's just kind of little anthem here

All my friends are married  
Every Tom and Dick and Harry  
You must be strong to go it alone  
Here's to the bachelors and the Bowery bums  
And those who feel that they're the ones  
Who are better off without a wife

I been sleepin' until the crack of noon  
Midnight howlin' at the moon  
Goin' out when I want to, and I'm comin' home when I  
please  
I don't have to ask permission if I want to go out fishing  
And I never have to ask for the keys

I never been no Valentino  
But I had a girl who lived in Reno  
Left me for a trumpet player didn't get me down  
He was wanted for assault  
Though he said it weren't his fault  
You know the coppers rode him right out of town

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Midnight howlin' at the moon  
Goin' out when I want to, comin' home when I please  
Don't have to ask permission if I want to go out fishing  
Never have to ask for the keys

They say I'm kind of selfish about my privacy  
Now as long as I can be with me  
We get along so well I can't believe  
I love to chew the fat with folks  
I have been listenin' to all your dirty jokes  
I'm so thankful for these friends I do receive

I been sleepin' until the crack of noon  
Midnight howlin' at the moon  
Goin' out when I want to, comin' home when I please  
Don't have to ask permission if I want to go out fishing  
Never have to ask for the keys, no

Yeah, I got this girl, I know man this  
She been married several times  
I don't want to end up like her  
I mean she been married so many times  
She got bright sparks all over her face  
Yeah you know the kind

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