

## Tom Waits "Blue Valentines"

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She sends me blue valentines all the way from  
Philadelphia  
To mark the anniversary of someone that I used to be  
And it feels like a warrant, out for my arrest  
Baby you got me checkin' in my rear view mirror  
So I'm always on the run that's why I changed my name  
And I didn't think you'd ever find me here

To send me blue valentines, like half forgotten dreams  
Like a pebble in my shoe as I walk these streets  
And the ghost of your memory, baby is the thistle in the  
kiss  
Is the bugler that can break a roses neck  
It's the tattooed broken promise, I gotta hide beneath  
my sleeve  
I'm on a see you every time I turn my back

She sends me blue valentines though I try to remain at  
large  
They're insisting that our love must have a eulogy  
Why do I save all of this madness in the nightstand  
drawer?  
There to haunt upon my shoulders, baby I know  
I'd be luckier to walk around everywhere I go  
With this blind and broken heart that sleeps beneath  
my lapel

And stales this blue valentines, remind me of my  
cardinal sin  
I can never wash the guilt or get these bloodstains off  
my hands  
And it takes a whole lot of whiskey to make this  
nightmares go away  
And I cut my bleedin' heart out every nite  
And I'm gonna die just a little more on each St.  
Valentine's day  
Don't you remember, I promised I would write you  
these blue valentines  
Blue valentines, blue valentines

