

## Tom Waits

# "I Can't Wait To Get Off Work"

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(And See My Baby on Montgomery Avenue)

Well I don't mind working  
Cause I used to be jerkin off  
Most of my time in the bars  
I been a cabbie and a stock clerk  
And a soda fountain jock jerk  
And a manic mechanic on cars  
It's nice work if you can get it  
Now who the hell said it  
I got money to spend on my gal  
But the work never stops  
And I'll be busting my chops  
Working for Joe and Sal.

And I can't wait to get off work  
And see my baby  
She said she'd leave the porch lite  
On for me  
I'm disheveled I'm disdainful  
And I'm distracted and it's painful  
But this job sweeping up here is  
Is gainfully employing me tonight

Tom do this Tom do that  
Tom, don't do that  
Count the cash, clean the oven  
Dump the trash oh your lovin  
Is a rare and a copasetic gift  
And I'm a moonlight watchmanic  
It's hard to be romantic  
(sweeping up over by the  
Cigarette machine  
Sweeping up over by the cigarette machine...)

I can't wait to get off work  
And see my baby  
She'll be waiting up with a magazine for me  
Clean the bathrooms, clean um good  
Oh your lovin I wish you would  
Come down here and sweepameoffmyfeet  
This broom'll have to be my baby

If I hurry, I just might  
Get off before the dawns early light.

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