

## Tom Waits

### "Kentucky Avenue"

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eddie graces buick got 4 bullet holes in the side  
charley delislesittin' at the top of an avacado tree  
mrs storml stab you with a steak knife if you step on  
her lawn  
i got a half pack of lucky strikes man come along with  
me  
lets fill our pockets with macadamia nuts  
then go ever to bobby goodmansons  
and jump off the roof

hilda plays strip poker  
and her mamas across the street  
joey narinsky says she put her tongue in his mouth  
dicky faulkners got a switchblade  
and some goosenecks risers  
that eucalyptus is a hunchback  
theres a wind up from the south  
let me tie you up with kite string  
and i'll show you the scabs on my knee  
watch out for the broken glass, put your shoes and  
socks  
on and come along with me

lets follow that fire truck  
i think your house is burning down  
then go down to the hobo jungle and kill some rattle  
snakes with a trowel  
we'll break all the windows in the ols anderson place  
and steal a bunch of boysenberrys  
ans swear em on our face  
i'll get a dollar from my mamas purse  
and buy that scull and crossbones ring  
and you can wear it round your neck on an old piece of  
string

then we'll split on ronniie arnold  
and flip him the bird  
and slash the tires on the school bus  
now don't say a word  
i'll take a rusty nail and scratch your initials on my arm  
and i'll show you how to sneak up on the roof of the

drugstore

take the spokes from your wheelchair  
and a magpies wings  
and tie em to your shoulders and your feet  
i'll steal a hacksaw from my dad  
and cut the braces off your legs  
and we'll bury them tonight in the cornfield

put a church key in your pocket  
we'll hop that freight train in the hall  
and we'll slide down the drain all the way  
to new orleans in the fall

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