

Tom Waits

"Kentucky Avenue"

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Eddie graces buick got 4 bullet holes in the side
Charlie De lisle sittin' at the top of an avocado tree
Mrs Storm'll 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

Let's fill our pockets with macadamia nuts
Then go over to Bobby good Mansons and jump off the
roof
Hilda plays strip poker and her mama's across the
street
Joey Navinski says, "She put her tongue in his mouth"

Dicky Faulkner's got a switchblade and some goose
neck risers
That eucalyptus is a hunchback, there's 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 track, I think your house is burnin'
down
Then go down to the hobo jungle and kill some rattle,
snakes with a trowel
We'll break all the windows in the old Anderson place
And steal a bunch of boysenberrys and smear 'em on
our face
I'll get a dollar from my mama's purse
And buy that skull and crossbones ring
And you can wear it around your neck on an old piece
of string
Then we'll spit on Ronnie 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
I'll take those spokes from your wheelchair and a

magpies wings
And I'll 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 load in the cornfield
Just put a church key in your pocket, we'll hop that
freight train in the hall
We'll slide all the way down the drain to New Orleans in
the fall

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