

Tom Waits

"Once Upon A Time (Empty Pockets)"

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I wish I had a dollar for each time I took a chance
On all those two bit Romeos who counterfeit romance
Somehow always thinking of each time that I fell down
Knowing that you fall in love is once upon a town
I slow down, Purple Avenues, to march around in April's
shoes
The weather vanes remind all the summetimes that I've
left behind
The money's gone for auld lang syne
I spent on Eastern Standard Time
What happened to my role?
September fell right through the hole
All I've got is empty pockets now
Why does August try so hard to hoist me on my own
petard?
I've learned one thing from losing her
That an ounce of prevention's worth a pound of cure
The shadows fall, I cannot thread the tenor of the
things you said
All that's left is flesh and bone
The lights are on but no one's home
All I've got is empty pockets now
I spill myself another drink
I count the whiskers in the sink
The orchestra is blind
But I've never been the worrying kind
Subsequently and furthermore
I'll sleep right here on the draining board
I'll never be paroled
I like to drink 'em while they're cold
All I've got is empty pockets now
So in this 15 story domino, alone is where I've been
And I know I said I swore I never fall in love again
I guess I still believe a smile is just a frown turned
upside down
And the story of our love begins with, "Once upon a
town..."

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