Tom Waits "The Ghost Of Saturday Night"

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(AFTER HOURS AT NAPOLEONE'S PIZZA HOUSE)

A cab combs the snake, Tryin' to rake in that last night's fare, And a solitary sailor Who spends the facts of his life like small change on strangers...

Paws his inside P-coat pocket for a welcome twenty-five cents.

And the last bent butt from a package of Kents, As he dreams of a waitress with Maxwell House eyes And marmalade thighs with scrambled yellow hair.

Her rhinestone-studded moniker says, "Irene" As she wipes the wisps of dishwater blonde from her eyes

And the Texaco beacon burns on, The steel-belted attendant with a 'Ring and Valve Special'...

Cryin' "Fill'er up and check that oil"
"You know it could be a distributor and it could be a coil."

The early mornin' final edition's on the stands, And that town cryer's cryin' there with nickels in his hands.

Pigs in a blanket sixty-nine cents, Eggs - roll 'em over and a package of Kents, Adam and Eve on a log, you can sink 'em damn straight,

Hash browns, hash browns, you know I can't be late.

And the early dawn cracks out a carpet of diamond Across a cash crop car lot filled with twilight Coupe Devilles,

Leaving the town in a-keeping
Of the one who is sweeping
Up the ghost of Saturday night...

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