

Tom Waits

"Watch Her Disappear"

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Last night I dreamed that I was dreaming of you
And from a window across the lawn I watched you
undress
Wearing your sunset of purple tightly woven around
your hair
That rose in strangled ebony curls
Moving in a yellow bedroom light
The air is wet with sound
The faraway yelping of a wounded dog
And the ground is drinking a slow faucet leak
Your house is so soft and fading as it soaks the black
summer heat
A light goes on and the door opens
And a yellow cat runs out on the stream of hall light
and into the yard

A wooden cherry scent is faintly breathing the air
I hear your champagne laugh
You wear two lavender orchids
One in your hair and one on your hip
A string of yellow carnival lights comes on with the
dusk
Circling the lake with a slowly dipping halo
And I hear a banjo tango

And you dance into the shadow of a black poplar tree
And I watched you as you disappeared
I watched you as you disappeared
I watched you as you disappeared
I watched you as you disappeared

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