

## Townes Van Zandt "The Hole"

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The old woman finally caught me  
Sneakin' 'round her cave  
Her hair looked just like barbwire, boys  
And her smile just like the grave  
She asked me could I stay awhile  
I said I'd better go  
She slid her arm around my neck  
And sweetly whispered no  
It's cold and dark and lonely here  
As soon enough you'll see  
I'm oh so glad you stumbled in  
I've been cravin' company  
I cannot stay too long you know  
I left some friends at home  
Don't you fret about your friends  
Down here we're all alone  
What about my mother  
I can't just leave her there to mourn  
You don't have to think about her  
Just forget you were ever born  
I'll disappoint my father  
You know he worked so hard for me  
If you have to pay your father back  
Just send him some misery  
I'll miss, I said, a girl I know  
I can't just leave there to pine  
She's still got plenty of men to go  
I'm sure she'll do just fine  
What about my little boy  
She said, he's just like you  
Let a few short years roll by  
He'll end up down here too  
Then her pale green eyes began to glow  
She placed her hand on mine  
She smiled and said don't worry  
You'll get used to me in time  
As her cold tongue flickered toward  
I spun myself around  
Made a dive for the passageway  
But the walls come crashing down

Now her eyes were the only light  
My fevered brain could see  
But I tore myself away from them  
And fell down to my knees  
I've come too far, I can't get back  
I beseeched the gods of men  
Fame and fortune just laughed at me  
Then silence once again  
A whisper deep within  
Embrace the God of love  
I lifted my face and through the tears  
I saw light fall from above  
I hurled myself into the wall  
I ripped and clawed my way  
Through the stinkin', clingin' loam  
Back to the light of day  
I crawled out into the wind again  
The sky upon my face  
I heard the earth sigh patiently  
As it slid back into place  
Now I'm back among the ones I love  
I'm loved by them in turn  
And it's only on the darkest night  
That green eyed memory burns  
So walk my friends, in the light of day  
Don't go sneakin' 'round no holes  
There just might be something down there  
Wants to gobble up your soul

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