

I tied the devil to the tracks  
(Can you hear the train coming?)  
I served him papers with a seal from the governor

The spoiler throwing voices  
The vapors that they built this city on  
But he don't write much for me anymore

When we keep hell in our hearts  
We make no excuse for our genius  
So what's my excuse now that hell has abandoned me?

I enticed the devil out with a bottle  
But maybe it was he who lured me out instead

When we slept in penitent beds  
We awoke in the loving arms of attrition  
So what's my excuse now that hell isn't courting me?

Give me the strength to be widowed  
Now that the honeymoon's over  
Grant me the privileges saved for the sailors

Condemned with you all  
Goddamn you all  
Condemned with you all  
Goddamn you all

I marched across the muddied stream  
Illuminated from beneath  
And the lock was picked with the church's key

We found on the belt of the veteran  
And to open bar tabs in the taverns  
Assembled in levels by the damned and fanatic for me

We never loved ourselves so well  
As when we lusted after another  
We hummed along to electric guitars  
And the standard, whoa oh oh oh's  
And we drank each other under the covers

I eased the devil back with the throttle  
'Cause I'd rather live my life in regret than not take part in it

Ooh, if the devil don't mind, well it's alright with me  
So what do I do when the devil don't notice me?

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And in my 27th year  
I was dragged kicking and screaming into light  
And I looked at God in the face and I said  
I said, ?God?, I said, I said ...

I tied the devil to the tracks  
Can you hear the train coming?  
And I tied the tracks in a lover's knot  
Around the finger of a beautiful girl

I'll keep hell, I'll keep hell  
I'll keep hell if hell will have me  
I'll keep hell, I'll keep hell  
I'll keep hell if hell will have me