

Mercury Rising

The Strangers

It was dark and it wasn't just the nighttime
The crowd was silent but their eyes were on dead time
The air was laden down with malice and silence
A recipe with just a sprinkle of violence

And then the atmosphere began to crackle and fizz
You can't put your finger on whatever it is
(Hey!) Who's that girl with the electric eyes?
Just stand well back and watch the needle rise

Opened my eyes at eleven (that's a.m.)
Said a prayer, crossed my heart and said amen
Black clouds, low pressure in my head
But I ignored what my barometer and heart said

And then the atmosphere began to buckle and chill
Yeah, the mood was heavy but the air was still
And with the beat turned off there was just one end
And the heavens split with all that God could send

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