

Cigarette Machine

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Stumbling past your house baby
at the break of the day
I thought I saw your silhouette
dancing cross the shade
and I went down to the mission
I called and called your name
till an angel with a face like yours
came down and let me in

I thought I saw your reflection
in a cigarette machine
in a bottle in the gutter
in a window on the street
in a storefront in a picture
on an old broken TV
I swear it was you
staring back at me

I heard soldier's voices
by the city gate
there were junkies lying on the ground
they made me look away
I spilled you on a mirror
I chopped you into lines
over some old kitchen sink
I swore I'd let you die

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Old radios and broken mirrors
dog-eared things I read
worn out movie stars
in faded limousines
I battled through my own charades
of coffee cups and clowns
I can't keep up with parades
I keep falling down

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