

## Noir Excursion

Gotye

A handsome stranger  
Gave me a ride  
He had a suitcase full of lies  
That he sold me

I sensed no danger  
When I was there right by his side  
He said I compelled him to confide  
So he told me

Take this car  
And drive downstate  
Then take off the licence plates  
And wait for me

I could have argued  
But he said for my trouble I could keep  
Half the money in the bag on the back seat  
At least, that's what he told me

And he said he thought I looked trustworthy  
And I must admit that the thrill of it all got the better of me  
So I drove down the highway with great speed  
Until they resounded behind me

Sirens! The police

They pull me over to the side of the road  
And tell me that the car was stolen, that's why I was followed  
I try to tell them I was only doing what I was told  
But no, they won't listen to me

They cuff my hands and say  
'Now girl, the money, where did you hide it?'  
Then I know without even checking the bag  
That there's no money inside it  
But when they read my rights  
I know that it's no use  
Saying, 'I'm not lying'  
No, please let me go  
Please listen to me  
I am not guilty  
A handsome stranger tricked me  
Why did he have to hand-pick me?

He told me to take this car  
And drive downstate  
Then to take off the licence plates  
And wait there for him

But of course they don't believe me  
So from there they drive me back to the station  
And after I've been booked they began a three-day interrogation  
I barely ate, I only slept an hour  
But somehow I stayed patient and calm  
They did me no harm

But the bag was the key to this mystery  
He bought it the very same day that he  
Robbed that bank upstate and then picked me  
To be his fall guy patsy

Five years later  
When I'd almost forgotten that nightmarish day  
I was struck by the handsome features of a stranger across the way  
As he got out of a car, with a girl behind the wheel, and I heard him say

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