

Permanent Reminder Of A Temporary Feeling

Jimmy Buffett

She was no marine back from the Philippines
She was their pride and joy, their incarnation
Her parents viewed the chief with shock and disbelief
Looking for some other explanation

The Indian on her back was poised for an attack
She said, "A tattoo is a badge of validation."
But the truth of the matter is far more revealing
It's a permanent reminder of a temporary feeling

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Amnesiac episodes that never go away
It's no complex memento, it's not a subtle revealing
Just a permanent reminder of a temporary feeling

Vegas in the rain, drunk on cheap champagne
He hears out of tune synthesized chapel bells painfully ringing
Where's his limo ride? Who's this foreign bride?
Is that really Elvis spinning around the ceiling?

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Forgotten fabrications in the chapels of love
What's this ring on his finger? Why is he kneeling?
She's just a permanent reminder of a temporary feeling

Chromosomes and genes spawn these fateful scenes
Evolution can be mean, there's no dumb-ass vaccine
Blame your DNA, you're a victim of your fate
It's human nature to miscalculate

To make up for the fight, they go out for the night
Sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll seem like the easiest answer
But a short nine months later, there's no way of concealing
That permanent reminder of a temporary feeling

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