

# Say No To This

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There's nothing like summer in the city  
Someone under stress meets someone looking pretty  
There's trouble in the air, you can smell it  
And Alexander's by himself. I'll let him tell it

I hadn't slept in a week  
I was weak, I was awake  
You never seen a bastard orphan  
More in need of a break  
Longing for Angelica  
Missing my wife  
That's when Miss Maria Reynolds walked into my life, she said:

I know you are a man of honor  
I'm so sorry to bother you at home  
But I don't know where to go, and I came here all alone...

She said:

My husband's doin' me wrong  
Beatin' me, cheatin' me, mistreatin' me...  
Suddenly he's up and gone  
I don't have the means to go on

So I offered her a loan, I offered to walk her home, she said

You're too kind, sir

I gave her thirty bucks that I had socked away  
She lived a block away, she said:

This one's mine, sir

Then I said, "Well, I should head back home,"  
She turned red, she led me to her bed  
Let her legs spread and said:

Stay?

Hey...

Hey...

That's when I began to pray:  
Lord, show me how to  
Say no to this  
I don't know how to  
Say no to this

But my God, she looks so helpless  
And her body's saying, "Hell, yes."

Whoa...

No, show me how to

Say no to this

I don't know how to

Say no to this

In my mind, I'm tryin' to go

Go! Go! Go!

Then her mouth is on mine, and I don't say...

No! No!

Say no to this!

No! No!

Say no to this!

No! No!

Say no to this!

No! No!

Say no to this!

I wish I could say that was the last time  
I said that last time. It became a pastime  
A month into this endeavor I received a letter  
From a Mr. James Reynolds, even better, it said:

Dear Sir, I hope this letter finds you in good health  
And in a prosperous enough position to put wealth  
In the pockets of people like me: down on their luck  
You see, that was my wife who you decided to

Fuuuu...

Uh-oh! You made the wrong sucker a cuckold  
So time to pay the piper for the pants you unbuckled  
And hey, you can keep seein' my whore wife  
If the price is right: if not I'm telling your wife

I hid the letter and I raced to her place  
Screamed, "How could you?!" in her face  
She said:

No, sir!

Half dressed, apologetic  
A mess, she looked pathetic, she cried:

Please don't go, sir!

So was your whole story a setup?

I don't know about any letter!

Stop crying  
Goddammit, get up!

I didn't know any better

I am ruined...

Please don't leave me with him helpless (I am helpless – how could I do this  
?)  
Just give him what he wants and you can have me

(I don't want you)  
Whatever you want (I don't want you)  
If you pay (I don't)  
You can stay

(Lord, show me how to say no to this) {Say no to this}  
Tonight (I don't know how to say no to this) {Say no to this}  
( 'Cause the situation's helpless)  
Helpless  
(And her body's screaming, "Hell, yes.")  
Whoa!  
(No, show me how to say no to this) {Say no to this}  
How can you say no to this? (How can I say no to this?) {Say no to this}  
(There is nowhere I can go)  
{Go! Go! Go!}  
(When her body's on mine I do not say...) {No!}  
(Yes) Yes {Say no to this! No!}  
(Yes) Yes {Say no to this! No!}  
(Yes) Ye-ye-yes {Say no to this! No!}  
(Yes) Yes {Say no to this!}  
(Say no to this...)  
(I don't say no to this) Don't say no to this  
(There is nowhere I can go)  
{Go! Go! Go!}

So?

Nobody needs to know