

Thirteen Blood Red Rosebuds

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Hang your hopes on sun
But the ships don't sail
Storm clouds rule everything
Sailors pack both bars and Marlene works hard
More cheap engagement rings

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Sixteen sincere smiles while
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Alibis need help when their proofs not clear
Who'll fake good words to say?
Even Marlene's eyes can't disguise cold fear
Now curse your jealous ways

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Things she'd say would tend to make you sad
Lonesome for a past you never had
Leave a note that lies about your life baby
Your Kampuchea cobwebs and your wife

Think of Marlene's mouth as a keepsake scar
And close your dockside door
Walk the wet fields fast towards the morning star
And change your name once more

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