

## Adelphi Apartments

Tiny Ruins

Rosie lived in the Adelphi Apartments  
Down by Carrigafoyle  
At night she read Cannery Row  
Before saying goodnight  
To the highway below

And all the tomcats knew her  
Over on the Allenby Steps  
Sundays, she'd burn a candle  
For all the tears she hadn't wept  
And all the ends she hadn't met

Electric thick around her  
She'd put a record on  
Of something warm like Olga Guillot  
Swaying her hips to a far-off drum

Where she lived in the Adelphi Apartments  
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And Maurice next door  
Coughing up the things he tried to say  
Didn't want to seem like a creep  
He always dreaded the day  
He'd put his ear to the wall  
To hear the fall of silence  
Rosie'd gone, moved on away

From where she lived  
In the Adelphi Apartments  
Down by Carrigafoyle  
Where at night she read Cannery Row  
Before saying goodnight  
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