

# Backside of Paradise

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They say I was born on a stormy night, jammin' to the blues  
My mama thought that I was a good luck charm  
But I think that I was touched with the hoodoo  
I must have been a swamp doctor's sacrifice  
Cause I'm on the backside of paradise

All out of rhythm in my snakeskin shoes a victim of the dance  
A medicine man gave me something for my nerves  
But I think it was an aphrodisiac  
Suspended animation with my temperature on the rise  
I'm on the backside of paradise

I can look out but I can't see within  
Can't face what's behind the mask  
On top of the world with you under my skin moving too fast  
She's a hot blooded octaroon with a heart cold as ice  
I'm on the backside of paradise  
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