Scarlet Town

Gillian Welch

Buddy I went down to Scarlet Town

Never been there before

You slept on a feather bed

I slept on the floorI don't mind a little town

Or drinking my coffee cold

But the things I seen in Scarlet Town

Did mortify my soulLook at that deep well

Look at that dark ray

Ringing that iron bell

In Scarlet Town todayI spent some time in New Orleans

And?

A Scarlet Town brought me down

Low as I ever been

Look at that deep well

Look at that dark ray

Ringing that iron bell

In Scarlet Town todayOn the day I came to Scarlet Town

You promised I'd be your bride

You left me here to rot away

Like holly on a mountainsideLook at that deep well

Look at that dark ray

Ringing that iron bell

In Scarlet Town todayNow you may hide in Scarlet Town

For a hundred years or more

But the man who knows what time it is

Is knocking at the door

So fare you well, my one true love

If you never see me around

I'll be looking through a telescope

From hell to Scarlet TownLook at that deep well

Look at that dark ray

Ringing that iron bell

In Scarlet Town today

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