Lou Reed, Ladies Pay

All the sailors they're all home from leave
And everybody's waiting for them to try to deceive
The storekeepers have drawn their lace curtains bare
And all the women and the wee young girls all waiting there
Ooooh, but how the ladies pay
Oh, if they only knew how the ladies pay
Yeah, now, now, the ladies pay
Oh, when the men, they've gone away

Nobody is standing on upon the door
And nobody is feeding any of the poor
The poor, sick soldier lies in bed beside his girl
Thinking of another place on the other side of the world
Ah, how the ladies pay
Oh, oh, how the ladies pay
When the men, they've gone away
Oh, I wish, I knew how the ladies pay
Day and night, night and day
How the ladies pay
Day and night, night and day, night and day
Ladies pay, now ...