

# Shawn Colvin, Suicide Alley

by Shawn Colvin & John Leventhal  
Wait for me by the banshee tree  
Let me be your wailing companion  
Pass 'em on by, don't look 'em in the eye  
Suicide Alley is callin'

You thought you were dreaming  
You could wake up dead  
And you'll never know what's real  
All this damage is runnin' loose in your head  
And it really matters to me

Oh, no, baby don't go  
Walkin' down Suicide Alley

Downtown baby it's a million to one  
You might as well name your poison  
And stand in line by the exit sign  
Suicide Alley is waiting

You're a loose cannonball on a sinking ship  
From the belly of the beast, shot from the hip  
But you don't have to be going down the dark hall  
You're not tied to the chair, you're not nailed to the wall

Oh, no, baby don't go  
Walkin' down Suicide Alley

Sitting naked by the window in the middle of the night  
I can see you wearing your halo  
If only in the daybreak of the dirty street light  
I know baby wasn't born to follow

You know I wasn't born I was spat out at a wall  
And nobody even knew my name  
The sun hatched me out, cradle and all  
On the corner of First and Insane

For the souls of the departed and the renegades of love  
You and me we gotta be all we dreamed of  
In the ruins of mischief through the ravages of time  
You got a place in this world of mine

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