

The Lumineers, Cleopatra

I was Cleopatra, I was young and an actress
When you knelt by my mattress, and asked for my hand
But I was sad you asked it, as I laid in a black dress
With my father in a casket, I had no plans

And I left the footprints,
The mud stained on the carpet
And it hardened like my heart did when you left town
But I must admit it, that I would marry you in an instant
Damn, your wife, I'd be your mistress!
Just to have you around

But I was late for this,
Late for that
Late for the love of my life
When I die alone,
When I die alone,
When I die I'll be on time

While the church discouraged, any lust that burned within me
Yes, my flesh, it was my currency, but I held true
So I drive a taxi and the traffic distracts me
From the strangers in my backseat, they remind me of you

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Late for that
Late for the love of my life
When I die alone,
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And the only gifts from my Lord were: a birth and a divorce
But I've read this script and the costume fits,
So I'll play my part

I was Cleopatra,
I was taller than the rafters
But that is all in the past now, gone with the wind
Now a nurse in white shoes leads me back to my guestroom
It's a bed and a bathroom
and a place for the end

I won't be late for this,
Late for that
Late for the love of my life
When I die alone,
When I die alone,
When I die I'll be on time