Fifteen, Prostitute

Hey sister i see you standin on the corner

i think i might just, pull on over

see if you need some condoms

take a minute and listen to a mountain of problems

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you know the county pays me pretty well to make sure you dont get infected,

but, no one seems to care if you ever make it out of hell

i ask you how did you get here and you tell me:

"i was only twelve years old and daddy raped me,

over and over and over again.

i was only ten years old and my stepfather raped me,

over and over and over again.

i was only eight years old when mmas boyfriend raped me,

over and over and over again.

i was only 5 years old and the neighbor boy raped me,

over and over and over again"

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we can criminalize the side effects of a lifetime of torture

we can moralize and look at things so biblically,

when you look at things so legally and think we're preserving order

we can swim in denial, and think that somehow jail can heal post traumatic disorder

Hey sister i see you at the bus stop, i can almost hear you askin god to make the pain stop

i know the drugs dont work anymore

you've got black eyes your arms are covered with sores

hey sister i see you waitin in line to get your methadone,

the county pays pretty well to keep you strung out, just another

settlement, we'll give you anything, so that you never try to leave hell

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