## Ian Dury, Sweet Gene Vincent

Blue Gene baby

Skinny white sailor, the chances were slender The beauties were brief Shall I mourn you decline with some thunderbird wine and a black handkerchief? I miss your sad Virginia whisper I miss the voice that called my heart

Sweet Gene Vincent Young and old and gone Sweet Gene Vincent

Who, who, who slapped John?

White face, black shirt White socks, black shoes Black hair, white strat Bled white, died black

Sweet gene Vincent Let the blue cats roll tonight At the sock hop ball in the union hall Where the bop is their delight

Here come duck-tailed Danny dragging Uncanny Annie She's the one with the flying feet

You can break the peace daddy sickle grease The beat is reet complete And you jump back honey in the dungarees Tight sweater and a pony tail Will you guess her age when she comes back stage? The hoodlums bite their nails

Black gloves, white frost Black crepe, white lead White sheet, black knight Jet black, dead white

Sweet Gene Vincent There's one in every town And the devil drives 'till the hearse arrives And you lay that pistol down

Sweet Gene Vincent There's nowhere left to hide With lazy skin and ash-tray eyes a perforated pride

So farewell mademoiselle, Knickerbocker Hotel Farewell to money owed But when your leg still hurts and you need more shirts You got to get back on the road