John Cale, Antarctica Starts Here

The paranoid great movie queen Sits idly fully armed The powder and mascara there A warning light for charm We see her every movie night The strong against the weak The lines come out and struggle with The empty voice that speaks Her heart is oh so tired now Of kindnesses gone by Like broken glasses in a drain Gone down but not well spent The road from Barbary to here She sold then stole right back The vanity, insanity her hungry heart forgave The fading bride's dull beauty grows Just begging to be seen Beneath the magic lights that reach from Barbary to here Her schoolhouse mind has windows now Where handsome creatures come to watch The anaesthetic wearing off Antarctica starts here