

# Rachel Stamp, Carmelita

I hear mariachi static on my radio  
And the tubes they glow in the dark  
And I'm there with her in Encenada  
And I'm here in Echo Park

Carmelita, hold me tighter  
I think I'm sinking down  
And I'm all strung out on heroin  
On the outskirts of town

I pawned my Smith-Corona  
And I went to meet my man  
He hangs out down on Alvarado Street  
By the Pioneer Chicken stand

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Well, I'm sitting here playing solitaire  
With my pearl-handled deck  
This county won't give me no more methadone  
And they cut off your welfare check

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