

# Steely Dan, What A Shame About Me

I was grinding through my day gig  
Stackin' cutouts at the Strand  
When in walks Franny from NYU  
We were quite an item back then  
We talked about her films and shows and CDs  
And I don't know what else  
She said, yeah, Hollywood's been good to me  
But tell me - how about yourself

I'm still working on that novel  
But I'm just about to quit  
'Cause I'm worrying about the future now  
Or maybe this is it  
It's not all that I thought it would be  
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She said, talk to me, do you ever see  
Anybody else from our old crew  
Bobby Dakine won the Bunsen Prize  
Now he's coming out with something new  
Alan owns a chain of Steamer Heavens  
And Barry is the software king  
And somebody told me in the early 80's  
You were gonna be the Next Big Thing

Well now that was just a rumor  
But I guess I'm doin' fine  
Three weeks out of the rehab  
Living one day at a time  
Sneaking up on the new century  
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I'm thinking of a major Jane Street sunrise  
And the goddess on the fire escape was you

We both ran out of small talk  
The connection seemed to go dead  
I was about to say, hey, have a nice life  
When she touched my hand and said:  
You know I just had this great idea  
This could be very cool  
Why don't we grab a cab to my hotel  
And make believe we're back at our old school

I said babe you look delicious  
And you're standing very close  
But like this is Lower Broadway  
And you're talking to a ghost  
Take a good look it's easy to see  
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