

THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF THE TOWN

G D
Though Jodie was a country girl --- she dreamt about the bright lights of the town
(D) C G
And listening to her radio --- how she loved those city sounds
Bb F C G
She dreamt about department stores --- buildings that could reach up to the sky
G D G
She said "life's too short to hang around --- I've got to see it all before I die"

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So she bought herself a one way ticket --- sure that everything would be alright
(D) C G
Till she found herself in Central Station --- looking for a place to stay the night
Bb F C G
She found a basement room to let --- the floor was damp and the walls were stained with mould
G D G
Still, this is where your dreams came true --- this is where the streets were paved with gold

Em C G D
JODIE --- DON'T YOU KNOW --- THERE'S NO FORTUNE --- TO BE FOUND?
Em C G D G
JODIE --- DON'T YOU KNOW --- IT'S ONLY NEON IN THOSE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF THE TOWN

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She found employment waiting table --- living off the tips that she could make
(D) C G
But the people paid with credit cards --- seldom leaving change for her to take
Bb F C G
Then someone said "Hey, I got something --- it'll make your troubles float away"
G D G
And the more she tried to leave it all --- the more she found herself compelled to stay

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She had to find some extra money --- just to keep that needle in her arm
(D) C G
Then someone said "you're not bad looking --- you could earn a living with that charm"
Bb F C G
With no pride left to care about --- she slept with every man she could befriend
G D G
With memories of a farm back home and parents she could never face again

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She woke up feeling weak one day --- at first she thought it's just the winter flu
(D) C G
But the doctor said "I've got to say --- there's really not a lot that I can do"
Bb F C G
She died a few days later --- with a letter she was writing in her hand
G D G
It read "Dear Dad and Mummy, I still love you --- won't you try to understand"

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