

Tom Waits, Never Let Go

(Tom Waits and Kathleen Brennan)

Well, ring the bell backwards
and bury the axe
fall down on your knees in the dirt
I'm tied to the mast, between water and wind
Believe me you'll never get hurt
Now the ring's in the pawn shop
The rains in the hole
Down at the five points I stand
I'll lose everything
But I" never let go of your hand
Now Peter denied and Judas betrayed
I'll pay with the roll of the drum
And the wind will tell the turn from the wheel
And the watchman's making his rounds
Well you leave one hanging by the skin of my teeth
I've only got one leg to stand
You can send me to hell
But won't let go of your hand
Swing from the rope on a cross legged tree
Signed with the one-eyed jack's blood
From Temple and Union to Weyley and Grand
walking back home in the mud
now I must make my best
of the only way home
Marley deals only in stones
I'm lost on the midway
I'm reckless in your eyes
Just give me a couple more throws
I'll dare you to dine with the
cross legged knight
dare me to jump and I will
I'll fall from your grace
But I'll never let go of your hand
I'll never let go of your hand