

## **ROMA (COLOSSEUM) BLUES**

I made a mess in old Tacoma  
So, I ran away to imperial Roma  
I walk about Tiber, climb the Seven Hills  
Dreaming of angels & daffodils

Found me a job at Santa Cecilia  
Teaching the blues to Adelle & Emilia  
Hoping for offers I could not resist  
I ran into a velvet fist

I'm a pale gladiator in burning sand  
The crowd is on fire, money changing hands  
St. Peter walked these avenues  
Till they made him an offer he could not refuse

Is this a life anybody would choose?  
I sit by the fountain alone & confused  
Garbage everywhere, I can't stand the aroma  
They won't let you see what's behind the kimono

Am I just a pawn in a timeless (eternal) game?  
I'm weak, disconnected, I wonder why I came.  
If you ain't in the family, cease & desist.  
Open your mouth, you're quietly dismissed.

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The crowd is on fire, money changing hands  
The pretty people watching seem so amused  
Chariots are coming, what am I trying to prove?

Ciao San Giovanni and Santa Maria

Goodbye, Trevi Fountain, Capella Sistina  
Going to Tacoma on bended knees  
I'll marry my baby by the salty sea

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### ***Background***

Rome is regarded by many as the first-ever Imperial city and metropolis. Roman mythology dates the founding of Rome at around 753 BC. The city successively became the capital of the Roman Kingdom, the Roman Republic and the Roman Empire. Rome was first called 'The Eternal City' by the Roman poet Tibullus in the 1st century BC.

Rome was also one of the major centres of the Renaissance. Famous artists, painters, sculptors, and architects made Rome the centre of their activity, creating masterpieces throughout the city. In 1871, Rome became the capital of the Kingdom of Italy, which, in 1946, became the Italian Republic.

Saint Peter was one of the Twelve Apostles of Christ and one of the leaders of the early Christian Church. According to Christian tradition, Peter was crucified in Rome under Emperor Nero.

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