

Invitation To The Blues

Tom Waits

Dm Bbm

Well she s up against the register with an apron and a spatula,

F Bdim

With yesterday s deliveries and the tickets for the bachelors

Gm7 A7sus4 A7

She s a moving violation from her c onk down to her sh oes,

Dm Gm A7 Dm

But it s j ust an invit ation to the b lues

Gm C7

And you f eel just like Cagney, she lo oks like Rita Hayworth

F

At the co unter of the Schwab s drugstore

Gm C7

You wonder if she might be single, she s a lon er and likes to mingle

F A A7 Dm A7

Got to be patient, try and pi ck up a clu e

Dm Bbm

She said H ow you gonna like em, over m edium or scrambled? ,

F G

You say A nyway s the only way , be c areful not to gamble

Gm7 A7sus4 A7

On a g uy with a suitcase and a ticket getting out of here

Dm Bbm

In a t ired bus station in an o ld pair of shoes

A7sus4 A7 Dm

This ain t no thing but an invit ation to the bl ues

Gm C7

But you can t t ake your eyes off her, get an other cup of java,

F

And it s jus t the way she pours it for you, joking with the customers

Gm C7

Mercy mercy, Mr. Percy, there ain t no thing back in Jersey

F A A7

But a bro ken-down jalopy of a m an I left beh ind

Dm

And a d ream that I was chasing,

Bbm

a b attle with booze

A7sus4 A7 Dm

And an open invit ation to the b lues

Gm C7

But she used to h ave a sugar daddy and a c andy-apple Caddy,

F F

And a bank account and everything, accumulated to the finer things

Gm C7

He probably left her for a socialite, and he didn't love her except at night,

F A

And then he's drunk and never even told her that he cared

Dm

So they took the registration,

Bbm

And the car-keys and her shoes

A7sus4 A7 Dm

And left her with an invitation to the blues (...solo sax)

Gm C7

Cause there's a Continental Trailways leaving local bus tonight, good evening

F F

You can have my seat, I'm sticking around here for a while

Gm C7

Get me a room at the Squire, the filling station's hiring,

F A

And I can eat here every night, what the hell have I got to lose?

Dm

Got a crazy sensation,

Bbm

Go or stay? now I gotta choose,

A7sus4 A7 Dm

And I'll accept your invitation to the blues