

Invitation To The Blues

Tom Waits

Em Cm

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

G C#dim

With y esterday s deliveries and the t ickets for the bachelors

Am7 B7sus4 B7

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

Em Am B7 Em

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

Am D7

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

G

At the co unter of the Schwab s drugstore

Am D7

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

G B B7 Em B7

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

Em Cm

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

G A

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

Am7 B7sus4 B7

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

Em Cm

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

B7sus4 B7 Em

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

Am D7

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

G

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

Am D7

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

G B B7

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

Em

And a d ream that I was chasing,

Cm

a b attle with booze

B7sus4 B7 Em

And an open invit ation to the b lues

Am D7

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

G G

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

Am D7

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

G B

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

Em

So they took the registration,

Cm

And the car-keys and her shoes

B7sus4 B7 Em

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

Am D7

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

G G

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

Am D7

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

G B

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

Em

Got a crazy sensation,

Cm

Go or stay? now I gotta choose,

B7sus4 B7 Em

And I'll accept your invitation to the blues