

Tainted Love

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This is actually a '50s tune originally charted by Soul singer Gloria Jones in 1964. Soft Cell covered it in the '80s and most people forget that the full version of that cover segued to the '60s Supremes' hit "Where Did Our Love Go?".

Em G C G A [*vamp for verses*]

Sometimes I feel I've got to run away - I've got to
Get away - from the pain you drive into the heart of me.
The love we share seems to go nowhere - and I've
Lost my light for I toss and turn I can't sleep at night.

CHORUS:

E G
Once I ran to you. Now, I run from you.
A Am
This tainted love you've given. I give you all a boy could give you.
Am Em [*back to original vamp*]
Take my tears and that's not nearly all!
Tainted love, oh, oh, oh, tainted love!

Now I know I've got to run away - I've got to
Get away - you don't really want any more from me.
To make things right, you need someone to hold you tight.
And you think love is to pray but I'm sorry I don't pray that way.

CHORUS:

Don't touch me, please, I can not stand the way you tease!
I love you though you hurt me so.
Now, I'm going to pack my things and go.
Tainted love, oh, oh, oh... [4x]
Touch me baby, tainted love... [2x]
Tainted love, oh, oh, oh... [2x]
Tainted love... [*segues into "Where Did Our Love Go?"*]