

“Another familiar type of love song is the passionate or fiery variety, usually in tango tempo, in which the singer exhorts his partner to haunt him and taunt him and, if at all possible, to consume him with a kiss of fire.

This particular illustration of this genre is called ‘The Masochism Tango’.”

The Masochism Tango

Tom Lehrer (1928–2025)

Painstakingly

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Dm Gm

I ache for the touch of your lips, dear, But much

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C⁷ F A⁷ 3 Dm 3

more for the touch of your whips, dear. You can raise welts like no-body else, As we