My Friend George

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Read in the paper 'bout a man killed with a sword And that made my think of my friend George People said the man was five foot six Sounds like George with his killing stick Hey bro, what's the word Talkin' 'bout my friend George Hey bro, what's the word Talkin' 'bout my friend George You're talkin' 'bout my friend George I knew George since he's eight I always thought that he was great And anything that George would do You know that I would do it too George liked music and George liked to fight He worked out in a downtown gym every night I'd spar with him when work has done We split lips but it was all in fun Hey bro, what's the word You're talkin' 'bout my friend George Hey bro, what's the word Talkin' 'bout my friend George Talkin' 'bout my friend George Next thing I hear George's got this stick And using it for more than kicks

I see him down at Smalley's bar
He was wired up, I tried to calm him down
Avenge yourself he says to me
Avenge yourself for humanity
Avenge yourself for the weak and the poor
Stick it to these guys fight through their heads
Well, the fight is my music, the stick is my sword
And you know that I love you, so please don't say a word
Can't you gear the music playing, the anthem, it's my callin'
And the last I seen of George was him running through the door
I says, hey bro, what's the word
Talkin' 'bout my friend George
Hey bro, what's the word
You're talkin' 'bout my friend George

Talkin' 'bout my friend George
Hey bro, what's the word
You're talkin' 'bout my friend George
Hey bro, what's the word
What were you saying 'bout my friend George
Hey bro, what's the word
You're talkin' 'bout my friend George
Hey bro, what's the word
I hear you talking 'bout my friend George

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