

# Sometimes You Have To Work On Christmas

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### Harvey Danger

A studio apartment in a dull part of seattle  
A strand of light suspended by a thumbtack in the drywall  
The restaurants are closed  
So are the record shops, the banks, and bars, and bartel drugs,  
And so's the half price bookstore  
But the movies are always open  
And I always have to open  
A repertory movie house  
Well life is not so wonderful  
For 15 soggy patrons who have no better place to be  
Not to mention me  
I'm working for a holiday wage  
My family is two time zones away,  
I'm supposed to call them  
My vodka and snow is melting  
The alcohol isn't helping  
Sometimes you have to work on christmas, sometimes

You have to work on christmas, sometimes  
You gotta work on christmas,  
I doubt I'll miss this  
There's an artificial tree blinking in the lobby,  
Sitting on the coffee table, yea  
Strangers and spare changers stand in line like poor relations  
At some kind of sad reunion  
And I'm selling the tickets  
They come in out of the weather  
For christmas alone together  
Sometimes you have to work on christmas, sometimes  
You have to work on christmas, sometimes  
You have to work on christmas,  
I doubt I'll miss this next year  
Sometimes you have to work on christmas, sometimes  
You gotta work on christmas, sometimes  
You have to work on christmas,  
I doubt I'll miss this at all

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