

Has-Been

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When I was 24 I never thought I'd be
The middle aged guy that everyone sees
Turned out to be a clean and responsible sort
And not a heavy metal loudmouth like everyone thought

Not addicted to anything that comes out of a bottle
Don't sleep on strangers couches
Not divorced from a runway model

I would'a been a has-been
Could'a been a should'a been
A one-time occasional fad
An ex-famous eccentric
Formerly prophetic
Past tense, no sense
Circumstance, irrelevance
On a come-back plan

Wearing too-tight pants and Doc Marten shoes
Driving a hundred miles an hour with a bottle of booze
My gut hanging out under a young man's shirt
Gawking at the teens like an old pervert

Writing power chord songs about sex, drugs and rock 'n roll
A leather clad fist in the air
Singing juvenile songs from deep in my soul

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I turned out to be normal with a job and a wife
Two children and a home and a quiet life
No would'a should'a could'a it don't do me no good

The choices I made were the choices I should

The kids kiss me goodnight before they go to sleep
Maybe someday they'll live the life of my rock n' roll dream

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I would'a been a has-been
Could'a been a should'a been (repeated)

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