Johnny Mathis' Feet

American Music Club

I lay all my songs
At Johnny Mathis' feet
I said, "Johnny, Johnny tell me
Can you tell me how to live?""All my hopes are unraveling
And I just lost my lease
On my house without love
Doors, or windows without peace"And with a wave of his jewel-encrusted hand
Across the glittering Las Vegas scene he said
"You gotta learn how to disappear
In the silk and amphetamine"Johnny looked at my songs and he said
"Well, at first guess
Never in my life
Have I ever seen such a mess""Why do you say everything
As if you were a thief?
Like what you've stolen has no value
Like what you preach is far from belief?"And with a wave of his red white and blue hand
Across the glittering Hollywood scene he said
"You gotta learn how to disappear
In the silk and amphetamine, in the silk and amphetamine"Johnny looked at my old collection
Of punk rock posters
Anonymous scenes of disaffection
Chaos, tortureAnd he said, "You were on the right track
But you're a lamb jumping for the knife"
He said, "A real showman knows
How to disappear in the spotlight
In the spotlight, in the spotlight, in the spotlight"

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