## **Sketchy Metal**

## **The Hold Steady**

She only pays attention to the prices of cigarettes

She says she hopes they'll get cheaper

She only takes the pick-me-uppers

To counteract all the put-me-to-sleepersShe used to be a receiver

Went out deep for guys that looked like Johnny Fever

Last winter

I swear I thought she might be our saviorWent through a skater phase

Went through a raver phase

I went through a razor blade phase

I guess I went through a hundred dollars a dayIt was dark along the edges of the city

But the light shined through behind the reinforced doorways

They're tipping over in the taprooms

They're shooting through the ceiling and they're bleeding on the floorAnd yeah, for sure we got dosed We hung out pretty close with some questionable folks

We got ideas from some dangerous thinkers

We put our mouths up to some dangerous drinksSome nights we almost froze

But we rubbed up pretty close to some rock and roll promoters

Stayed up pretty late with some rock and roll performers

It's always entertaining when you're hanging out with entertainersWent through the publicist

To try to get through to the rhythm guitarist

We got so high that the audience, they looked just like ants

Woke up with the backstage pass in my pantsShe said, "I used to be a speed shooter

I went out deep for guys that looked like Alice Cooper

And last winter

They had my heart all hooked up to computers."We didn't see the holy ghost
But the father and the son they seemed like regular folks
Jesus rolled his eyes when his dad made Jesus jokesAnd he forgave me for my sins

He said, "Let this famine end and let the 2-for-1s begin

And bless the beasts and the children and the water and the waiters."

It's always so creative when you're hangin' out with our CreatorAnd his son, our savior

You get your picture in the paper if he lets you in his trailer

It's always so amazing

When you're finally coming down with entertainers

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