

A Mission in Life

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Sue, turn out the lights
It's time to close upccwe're through
 Gotta clear it out
 So let's drink up, it's past two
 Girl, don't push 'em out
 They can walk out on their own
 How many times I gotta tell you, bob,
 You gotta drink up and go home
 I don't run a business
Just to talk to you all dayClear out the backroom, sue
 Stack up the chairs
 Who broke this glass?
 No one really cares
 Go take the trash out
 And vacuum the stairs
 What do i
 Pay you for?
 And don't forget to sweep up
The glass off the floorOnce I had plans
 To fix up this place
 A room where you could go to
 And meet people with taste
 They'd talk and they'd laugh
 And forget the rat race
 And I'd be just like one of those guys
 With the moustache and face
Hey, help me pick up this caseHey, I'm really sorry I blew up then
 I've had no sleep
 I've been up all night with my wife and brother-in-law
 You know, pete
 At times, this world can seem
 Just like a cold icy ball
 But don't let that discourage you
 'cause you're youngcctake that call
 And if it's my wife
Just try and stallI was just wondering
 How you get home
 Do you have a boyfriend?
 Or do you live alone?

I'm going your way
If you're going mine
 No, I feel fine
 But before you go
Let me just pass on one thingChorus:
 You've got a mission in life
 To hold out your hand
 To help the other guy out
 Help your fellow man
 That's why I own this bar
 They're thirsty outside
 I give 'em oceans to drink
 Then they drown in the tide
Repeat once, then repeat they just drown in the tide four times

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