High Cost of Living

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I was just a normal guy, life was just a nine to five
With bills and pressure piled up to the sky
She never asked, she knew I'd be hanging with my wilder friends
Looking for some other way to flyAnd three days straight was no big feat
To get by on no food or sleep and crazy was becoming my new norm

I'd pass out on the bedroom floor

And sleep right through the calm before the stormMy life was just an old routine

Every day the same damn thing

I couldn't even tell I was alive

I tell you the high cost of livin'

Ain't nothing like the cost of livin' highThat Southern Baptist parking lot is where I'd go to smoke my pot Sit there in my pickup truck and pray

And staring at that giant cross just reminded me that I was lost

And it just never seemed to point the wayAs soon as Jesus turned his back I'd find my way across the track

Lookin' just to score another deal

With my back against that damn eight ball

I didn't have to think or talk or feelMy life was just an old routine

Every day the same damn thing

I couldn't even tell I was alive

I tell you the high cost of livin'

Ain't nothing like the cost of livin' highMy whole life went through my head

Layin' in that motel bed watchin' as the cops kicked in the door

I had a job and a piece of land, my sweet wife was my best friend

But I traded that for cocaine and a whoreWith my new found sobriety I've got the time to sit and think

Of all the things I had and threw away

This prison is much colder than

That one that I was locked up in just yesterdayMy life is just an old routine

Every day the same damn thing

Hell, I can't even tell if I'm alive

I tell you the high cost of livin'

Ain't nothing like the cost of livin' high

I tell you the high cost of livin'

Ain't nothing like the cost of livin' highJust leave that stuff alone

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