

Blow You Away

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You take off from work a bit early
The boss doesn't care if you stay
The guard with the key has to check your ID
But he'd just as soon blow you away
The cops have stopped ten miles of traffic
They're sorry for all the delay
No need for alarm as they're waving their arms
But they'd just as soon blow you away
Two pretty blondes in a Porsche
Their bumper says, "We love L.A."
They look pretty fair, but they're crazy out there
And they'd just as soon blow you away
You got in some trouble in high school
But you feel like a new man today
You keep to yourself because anyone else
Would just as soon blow you away
You're standin' in front of the teller
She's countin' out all of your pay
There's twenties and ones and there's guards with their guns
And they'd just as soon blow you away
And one old ex con at the station
Fixes flats in the back of the bay
He winks and he jokes and he borrows a smoke
But he'd just as soon blow you away
You like the new girl at the hotel
She drops your room key in the tray
No words will pass through the bullet proof glass
'Cause she'd just as soon blow you away
You climb up the stairs every evening
To your room right above the cafe
There ain't much mystique, but you pay every week
'Cause they'd just as soon blow you away
And you turn out the light that you read by
You pray that you're one of the few
When you're in with the Lord, there's just one reward
And they'd just as soon make it come true
Your mattress is mildewed and lumpy
But you fall fast asleep where you lay
Under the lump there's a twenty gauge pump
'Cause they'd just as soon blow you away

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