

The Elevator

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1st floor, decide what you'll be one day
With a head full of comment but nothing to say
2nd floor, mixed-up, it happens that way
Soon you realize that listening don't pay
3rd floor in limbo, no easy moves
Up or down it's time to choose
The elevator's going up
Quick the door's about to shut
Too late we're full, just hang around
It won't be long, it won't be long before it's down
4th floor, the job hunt and all that you ask
Is an honest day's pay for an honest day's graft
5th floor, you may make a little more money
Now it's apparent, downstairs ain't so funny
6th floor, a mortgage, a collar and tie
2 weeks vacation in June or July
The elevator's going up
Quick the door's about to shut
Too late we're full, just hang around
It won't be long, it won't be long before it's down
7th floor, expenses and private schools
Pushing a pen you're not turning the tools
8th floor, position, respect and acclaim
Move up the 9th for fortune or fame
10th floor, for investment and real estate
Recouping the redies before it's tool late
And 11th floor, the penthouse, the final cut
With a head full of comment and a mouth that stays shut
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