I Threw Away the Rose

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Once, I lived a life of wine and roses
And I drank a lot back then for one concern
Success for me lay just around the corner

I thought my social friends would help me make the turnBut now, I'm paying for the days of wine and roses

A victim of the drunken life I chose

Now all my social friends look down their noses

'Cause I kept the wine and threw away the roseI stood by and watched the bottle take control of me

The turn I made was not the one I'd planned

I watched my social standings slip away from me

I watched the bottle slowly take commandAnd now I'm paying for the days of wine and roses

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