Dying Young

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Holes in his sweater, fluid in his lungs The experts say theres things He shouldve done better But instead he is just dying youngAnd tired of disbelieving, sick of struggling The experts busy Their gloved hands are relieving The symptoms of dying young Yeah, he wished he was a lawyer Maybe like Perry Mason He would sue them til they are scrawny Instead of lying there dying youngSometimes when hes angry He has a sharp tongue The experts, they just fill him full of ice cream They know that he is dying young Yeah, he wishes he was an actor Maybe like Rock Hudson Instead of just another layman Lying there dying youngYes, he dreamed about an angel And he thought about a gun The experts, they file in by the roomful Watching him dying young Yeah, the experts, they file in by the roomful

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