Respectable

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There's a rich boy but he doesn't spend
He just drinks his Poland Spring
He's a quick boy walkin' 'round the bend
Or at home alone readingAnd he wants to do good
And he wants to do right
So he does what he should
But he's got to subscribe
To the rules of the tribeNow you're playin' for the team
Everybody loves to love a winner
And you're bustin' the beguine
Everybody knows you're no beginner
But the bums say oh, things ain't what they seemYou're the respectable member of society
But you don't have nothin' on me
You gotcha east side certified pedigree
But you won't have nothin' you'll see
Because I warned you, they would scorn you
But you never did a thingWhen you go in for the kill
Everybody wants to make it happen
And you make a hundred mil
Everybody wants to scratch your back then
But the freaks say oh, things ain't what they seemYou're a respectable member of society
But you don't have nothin' on me
You gotcha upper crust dinner tux sanctimony
But you won't have nothin' you'll see
Because I told you, they would mold you
But you never did a thingAre you gonna tell? Are you gonna hide?
Are you gonna join the crowd or split?
Who are you payin'? What are you sayin'?
Are you gonna sell? Are you gonna buy?
Are you gonna fizzle out or hit?
Where are you layin'? What are you sayin'?He's a grown man and he wears a tie
And his laugh is hard and fast
He's a old man far before his time
And his jacket holds a flaskAnd he tried to do good
And he tried to do right
So he did what he could
But he had to subscribe
To the rules of the tribeNow you're lookin' for a queen
Everybody talks too much and argues

And it makes you wanna scream
Don't these little punks realize who they're talkin' to
But the scrubs say oh, things ain't what they seemYou're a respectable member of society
But you don't have nothin' on me
You gotcha caterers and prada and your maitre'd
But you won't have nothin' you'll see
Because I warned you they would burn you
But you never did a thingYou're the respectable members of society
But you don't have nothin' on me
You're the respectable members of society
You're so respectable, you're the respectable members of
You're so respectable

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