

Ordinary Weekend (Album Version)

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I lost my job on Friday, I went drinking to forget
My luck, it had been down so long but I could change it yet
Sat down and started talking with some guy sitting there

He bought me drinks all afternoon until I didn't care
He said was I in need of work, some money could be found
I said, "Is it above the law?" He said, "It's underground"

I said "I need the paycheck now, I got debts here and there"

He smiled and asked if I could drive and I said, "Anywhere, anywhere"
In this weekend of ordinary dreams
Everything is not just as it seems

Take a look around at the faces in the crowd

And you'll see where I've been
We met up on the Saturday, I thought it was us two
But I had not asked questions not knowing what to do
Twelve of them were in the van, thirteen including me

Twelve pairs of eyes were staring back at me, suspiciously
And so I just sat down and drove and took them to a
track

And drove past the security guard while they hid in the back
They made me stop and got out there and I heard a couple of shots
I hoped they were in self-defense but I knew that they were not
They were not
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And you'll see where I've been
I drummed my fingers on the wheel and waited for the boys
Had a smoke, I had a few, I got very paranoid
And still they hadn't come back there, so I just drove away

Deciding to play safe and get my share another day
On Sunday, he came 'round my place, I asked him where
they'd been

He said they'd left another way and only I was seen

He said that we should cash the van and did I want my share

I didn't like the way they'd left but now I didn't care
Didn't care for this weekend of ordinary dreams
Everything is not just as it seems

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But I guess I was just too keen, just too keen
He drove me to a back room with a single swinging light
Someone said, "The fish are starving, ain't it time they had a bite"
And I felt sick and stupid and damned my own brown hair

Forgetting that the price you pay must far exceed the share
Someone pulled a knife out and they stabbed me in
the back

And they bound my hands, they tied my feet, they threw me in a sack

And they took me to a lakeside where they threw my body in
I could hear them laughing, they said, "You can sink or swim

Sink or swim, sink or swim, sink or swim, sink" So hear you desperate women

And hear you desperate men
Don't take your life for granted
Please don't live your life in vainBut if you think that you can change it
Hope you know you can't go back
Just go down to the lakeside
Watch me floating in that sack, in that sackWatch me floating in a sack
Watch me floating in a sack
Watch me floating in a sack

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