

Wake Up

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I drink a bottle everyday then step on the stage
I first knew something was wrong when I was half my age
One night while I was singing, I started to laugh,
I couldn't stop laughing for a week and a half

I'll never forget the girl in the first row,
She said, "But its not funny"
I said, "I know"

So I went to a shrink and he said to me,
"Just don't drink when you're nervous,
That's the key"
And I said, "Okay, that sounds fine"
I didn't tell him I was nervous all the time

So I kept on drinking,
And I kept on thinking

Wake up, you're dying now
You should be dead,
But you're not somehow
You think you're being brave,
But you're digging a grave
You talk like a master,
But you live like a slave

I started meditating, that worked for a while
I spent a lot of time alone,
And I forgot how to smile
I went to church, I'd just sit there and stew
Thinking, "How can all these people believe things that aren't true"

It seems to work well for them, why can't I?
I guess it's 'cause I'm special
'Cause I'm too smart a guy
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I decided that I couldn't do it alone
I called a guy I know on a telephone
I told him all I ever wanted was to be perfect
I sure as hell don't wanna be an alcoholic

Acceptance is a doorway to hell,
If you're on the wrong side,
Things don't go so well
So I accepted who I am, and named my disease,
And finally felt relief, and got down on my knees

Wake up, you're living now
You've been gone so long, do you remember how?
Just be yourself, that's being brave
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