

Monkey's Paw

Smalltown Poets

I held the monkey's paw and put my wishes into play
To know the will of God, to show a motive for delay
I'm holding on to find myself just one more wish I found a pot of gold or something shining anyway
And caught in my reflection a conviction held at bay
I crafted a cross to adorn my neck and finally earned my due respect
And then a jewel encrusted crown to complement my priestly gown Just big enough to weigh me down
And bring this temple to the ground
From inside out without a sound
I found a pot of gold today I held the monkey's paw
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I held the monkey's paw I held the monkey's paw today and put my wishes into play
Thanked heaven for the trophies but I still had hell to pay
So I brought my spoils to the altar's edge heard you say obey instead
For all of my labors and best laid plans I'd only earned a reprimand Forevermore to understand
That dreams come true can kill a man
If never graced by sovereign hands
I held the monkey's paw

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