

# New Monkey

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Here come the sidewalk boss again  
Telling me how I can't cave in  
That I'm a study in black  
Need a pat on the back  
I look up and smile, a picture of dissatisfaction  
That he can only see as a junkie  
Though I might be straight as an arrow  
He's busy shaking hands with my monkey  
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I go in my car, straight to the bar  
Where my sweetie pours the beer  
For the millions of fans, ignoring the bands  
He's in my ear wants me to live in denial  
Says, "You've gotta settle for something"  
Though it might not be really living  
Anything is better than nothing  
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No actor action man gonna move in  
To take my place  
I'll be pumping out the product  
Just a total waste  
Look at your hands unoccupied  
Look at the lengths you'll go to hide

You're under the veil  
Pretending to fail  
Got a whole lotta empty time left to go  
Now you've got to fill it with something  
I know what you can do, don't you know?  
Anything is better than nothing  
No actor action man gonna move in  
To take my place  
I'll be pumping out the product  
Just a total waste  
I'm here with my cup, afraid to look up  
This is how I spend my time  
Lazying around, head hanging down  
Stuck inside my imagination  
Busy making something from nothing

Pictures of hope

(And depression)

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