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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