

# Fraternity Blues

## Townes Van Zandt

By townes van zandtI decided to improve my social station  
I joined a fraternity organisation  
Tucked in my shirt  
Signed on the line  
Right away they said about to improve my mind  
The car I drove  
The books I read  
The food I ate  
The booze I drank  
The girls I took out  
My breathSaid "kid, we don't much like the way you walk  
And you gonna have to change the way you talk"  
They said "your dress is kind of sludge  
And your attitude is mighty grudge"  
Said "you got to learn to bubble"  
"you got to bubble with enthusiasm" I started bubble  
"most important thing you can't forget  
Is learning the entire greek alphabet"  
I never did really understand  
That that's gonna make me anymore a man  
But I learned it  
I can whip through that son-of-a-beta backwards in five seconds  
Then they hit me with some pretty bad news  
Concerning the payment of monthly dues  
I never did know where that money went  
I never was sure it was well spent  
But I paid it  
I'm no troublecauser and besides I figured that's life  
If you want good friends it gonna cost youWell, finally got to be party time  
I got a great big old jug of wine  
I went back to the house in about an hour  
[when the boy's were] drinking whiskey sours  
Brandy alexanders  
Frozen [daquires]  
Reciting the greek alphabet to one anotherI could see I was gonna have to do my very best  
To get myself out of that fraternity mess  
I stood right there outside the door  
And I chugged that wine like never before  
Walked inside and bubbled

All over a couple of their dates  
So now everything's back to normal again  
But there is still lots of room for improvement my friend  
'cause that fraternity stuff is too much for me  
Next time I'm gonna join a sorority  
Really get me something to bubble about

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