

Um & Aargh

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You couldn't run, you couldn't hide, they had their spies out on your track
You had some fun, you took a ride, you tried to fit into the pack
But all the time they knew you lied, they knew that you'd be bound to crack
Hospital Carolina
You dreamed of stars, of open cars and surfing out on Malibu
You drank in bars and Miromars, you shot the dice and skimmed the pool
You thought of saving your integrity before it came up for renewal
Hospital Carolina - so who needs Rudolf Steiner?
Let me hear you now
"Um and aargh, um and aargh, um", was all he told me
I'm catching beriberi and I'm feeling so low
"This is much too good for the people" he said
I said "don't people have minds of their own?"
And it's better that you agree
In this best of best industries
I was in the midst of a dream
I felt like shouting something obscene
A man appeared, he had a beard, he had a dog right at his feet
I said, "My song?", he said "it's long, it's got no balls", I said
"that's neat, but it took me thirty years to write",
He said, "your image is incomplete".
Hospital Carolina
The curtains up, the spotlight's on, they've got you spitting at the crowd
A needle match, a little scratch and you're above the busy cloud
Going out and getting in a fight, it makes the news, so you'll be proud
Hospital Carolina - so who needs Rudolf Steiner?
They've washed you up, they've squashed you up
You find your brain is going bad
You played the game, it's all the same, the wisest fools are really mad
You take a gun, to save our sons and, God, his brain is bullet-proof
And so it's welcome to the ministry of everlasting truth
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I said "don't people have minds of their own?"
Shooting to the top, be a great tin god

Then plummet to obscurity well,
And it's better that you agree
In this best of best industries
And it's better not to presume
Or it's you that we will consume