Oh, I'm leaning on a rail

Letting my eyes roam over the plain

Oh, I'm laughing on my break

Feeling like a captive on a long chain

Watch the people pick up sticks

Big boss man cracks his whip

It's serious but we laugh to keep from crying (whoa, crying)

Spouting out the company line

Everything here's just fine

He says he cares about me but he's lying (whoa, lying)

And up, up in the big house The king of the hill

Oh, I'm watching the boss man
Talking to his sister with the dirty hands
They sit, cussing at the rules
Wishing they could lose me as fast as they can
He's got me in the roughest rig
He thinks I took his brother's gig
People say they've got the game rigged (whoa, rigged)
His daddy gave him everything
A job and a house and his earring
Why does he think that I'm so threatening, (whoa, so bad)

And up, up in the big house King of the hill And there, driving the big cat King of the hill

I'm over in my space
Swatting bugs, sweat stains rolling down my face
I'm trying not to drink
Knowing I've got to roll out of this place

Watch the people pick up bricks
King of the hill with his nightstick
Caught up in accounting tricks
Throw a bone to the poor hicks
Got some candy, take a lick
Great white hope, shooting bricks
Time to let us all share the wealth (whoa, the wealth)

Getting coffee for the big stick
Hand in his pants at the skin flick
Leisure suit, but thinks he's slick
Lots of poisons, take your pick
Mama, mama, mama come quick
Feeling like I'm getting sick
Have you noticed any nervous tics
Think I'd better take care of myself (whoa, myself)

And up, up in the big house King of the hill