

Ballad of Big Nothing

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Throwing candy out to the crowd
Dragging down the main
The helpless little thing with the dirty mouth
Who's always got something to say
You're sitting around at home now
Waiting for your brother to call
I saw him down in the alley
Having had enough of it all

Said you can do what you want to
Whenever you want to
You can do what you want to
There's no one to stop you

All spit and spite
You're up all night and down every day
A tired man with only hours to go
Just waiting to be taken away
Getting in to the back of a car
For candy from some stranger
Watching the parade with pinpoint eyes
Full of smoldering anger

You can do what you want to
Whenever you want to
You can do what you want to
There's no one to stop you

Now you can do what you want to
Whenever you want to
Do what you want to
Whenever you want to
Do what you want to
Whenever you want to
Though it doesn't mean a thing
Big nothing