Clubland

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With a handful of backhanders and a bevy of beauty You're going off limits Going off duty Going off the rails Going off with booty They tell tales of fiction found on all the criminal types Lead to a higher ranking man or a face with thin red stripes

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There's a piece in someone's pocket to do the dirty work You've come to shoot the pony They've come to do the jerk They leave him half way to paradise They leave you half way to bliss The ladies' invitation never seemed like this

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The long arm of the law slides up the outskirts of town Meanwhile in Clubland they are ready to pull them down Hey

The right to work is traded in for the right to refuse admissio n Don't pass out now, there's no refund (when) Did you find out what you were missing The crowd is taking forty winks minus ten percent You barely get required sleep to go lingering with contemptment Thursday to Saturday Money's gone already Some things come in common these days Your hands and work aren't steady

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