

Chloroform

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You look like you been here before
One or two many times
You look like you made a business deal
That crossed too many lines

You look like you been marked for life
And given up for dead
You look like you got someone else's
Hair growing out of your head

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After they've been removed?
Where you gonna get your water from
A glass or a plastic tube?

How you gonna keep your head up
When it's down there in your shoes?
How you gonna keep the big sleep
From closing in on you?

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Seems like our paths might have crossed
Many many moons ago
In some dark and evil place
But where I just don't know

Didn't you have a sidekick then?
Some flunky with a scar
Who did the deals you wouldn't touch
From the back seat of your car

And didn't you try to palm me off
With some Chinese opium
That didn't really do anything
Just made my lips grow numb

And didn't you punch my lights out
After I expressed my doubt?
But didn't you do that to everyone
After they sussed you out?

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Why didn't you see it coming man
From way way down the pike
There had to be a payback, baby
Someone had to strike

Something had to bring it home
The mirror had to smash
When you hit those kind of highs
You know you have to crash

When you hit those kind of lows
You know there's further down
In the hands of forces
You just don't understand

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