Kid Inside

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(One time only, (gulp) if you don't
 Get it right this time, tough shit, tough shit,
 Everybody ready, tell me when, say when your
 Rolling here, a one, a two, a one, two, three, die)

 I press my face to the window
 I ran my fingers through my hair
 I watched my life go around in a circle
 And I realized that no body but me cares

 And I saw the hurt of my system
 And I felt the madness of our faults conforming
 And I walked around your house for hours
 And I could feel that you had me in some kinda of stranglehold

 And I don't know why you said those bad things about me
 Well it must be the way of protecting some kind of crazy pride
 Yeah you always direct your attention toward others
 And look you know, it's so easy to see that my wounds have been open wide

 And you can just kid the kid inside so many times
 You can just kid the kid till he grabs you by the throat
 And is choking your young ass blind
 And you just kid the kid till you're walking on the tightrope in my my
 Mind ??
 Yeah, you can just kid the kid inside so many times

 Well it wasn't funny, no, when I was bleeding all over the table
 Yeah, now as I recall, hey it wasn't funny at all
 But you kept on laughing, huh, like it was some kind of party, yea
 Your always looking to belittle someone to make you feel tall

 Yea well, it's the same reaction in every situation
 Do you really think it's so necessary to be so mean
 Yeah, and it's hard for me to justify my position
 Yeah, when everything that I'm saying can be said bad about Mr.
 Springsteen, yea

 Yeah you know

 Yeah, well I really really am the first to desire you ??
 And I feel so badly for his misery ??
 Well I'll don't throw five dollars, to get into the kitty ??
 And I'll bet my ass that this problem isn't me

 Now now don't get me wrong wrong
 Hey now don't you feel sorry, yeah
 'Cause there's no one dead or alive that I'd rather be
 And I've learned to deal with my mortal existence
 And the moral is, now don't you go believe nothing that you can't see,
 Yeah

 Yeah, and you can just kid the kid inside so many times, yea

 (Ha ha ha, we'll keep it)