

## Steel Strings

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Well all those nights they hit rock bottom  
The songs they sang, well, we forgot 'em  
You could hear them play with shaky hands  
Guitars strung up with rubber bands  
Singing do you want a man of steel?  
Or do you want a man that's real  
They used to play in the courts of kings  
Now they're only made of steel when they're  
On steel strings  
They used to be on every schoolgirl's wall  
And they never dropped the beat at all  
They could make it soar, they could make it hot  
Once they got started they could never stop  
Singing, do you want a man of steel or  
Do you want a man that's real?  
Some of them hide when the doorbell rings  
They're only made of steel when they're on steel strings  
Playing the man on steel strings  
Were you expecting maybe superman?  
The best they do is the best they can  
The manager's doing time in jail (applause)  
And the pink cadillac is up for sale  
Singing do you want a man of steel  
Or do you want a man that's real  
They try their hands at a thousand things  
But they're only made of steel  
When they're on steel strings