

# The Giving Tree

## Meat Loaf

I was temporarily blind by a neon dollar sign  
It pacified my mind and whispered things are fine  
Said, "Boy, if you wanna heal just sign this paper deal  
You'll never have to beg, no, you'll never have to steal"

But when that giving tree stops giving  
I've gotta get back to living, living like I did before  
With a mattress on the floor and no food in my kitchen  
I gotta get back to living like I did before  
Living like I did before

Trading one pound of gold for now ten pounds of flesh  
You gotta sell this old soul for whatever you can get  
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Down in the city streets grows a giving tree  
Out of solid stone, mortared by my bone  
And watered by my tears, strengthened by my fears  
It's gonna grow strong, it's gonna live long-gonna haunt me for years

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It's beautiful fruit seems ripe at ground level  
It's dangerous roots lead straight down to the devil  
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(sell this old soul, 'ever you can get)  
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