

# Sunset Boulevard

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Sure, I came out here  
To make my name  
Wanted my pool, my dose of fame  
Wanted my parking space at warners'.

But, after a year  
A one-room hell  
A murphy bed  
A rancid smell  
Wallpaper peeling at the corners

Sunset boulevard  
Twisting boulevard  
Secretive and rich, a little scary.

Sunset boulevard  
Tempting boulevard  
Waiting there to swallow the unwary.

Dreams are not enough  
To win a war  
Out here they're always keeping score  
Beneath the tan, the battle rages.

Smile a rented smile  
Fill someone's glass  
Kiss someone's wife  
Kiss someone's ass  
We do whatever pays the wages.

Sunset boulevard  
Headline boulevard  
Getting here is only the beginning.

Sunset boulevard  
Jackpot boulevard  
Once you've won you have to go on winning.

You think I've sold out?  
Dead right I've sold out.  
I just keep waiting  
For the right offer:  
Comfortable quarters,  
Regular rations,  
24-hour five-star room service.

And if I'm honest  
I like the lady  
I can't help being  
Touched by her folly.  
I'm treading water,  
Taking her money,  
Watching her sunset...  
Well, I'm a writer.

L.a.'s changed a lot  
Over the years

Since those brave gold rush pioneers  
Came in their creaky covered wagons.

Far as they could go  
End of the line,  
Their dreams were yours  
Their dreams were mine  
But in those dreams  
Were hidden dragons.

Sunset boulevard  
Frenzied boulevard  
Swamped with every kind of false emotion.

Sunset boulevard  
Brutal boulevard  
Just like you, we'll wind up in the ocean.

She was sinking fast  
I threw a rope  
Now I have suites  
And she has hope  
It seemed an elegant solution.

One day this must end,  
It isn't real  
Still I'll enjoy  
A hearty meal  
Before tomorrow's execution.

Sunset boulevard  
Ruthless boulevard  
Destination for the stony-hearted.

Sunset boulevard  
Lethal boulevard  
Everyone's forgotten how they started  
Here on sunset boulevard!