

# The Outsider

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You don't have to be rich  
I don't have to be drunk in a ditch  
You don't have to be the top of your class  
I don't have to have wavers of brass

You don't have to be cute  
I don't have to look good in a suit  
You don't have to have a dog in his race  
I don't have to have an egg on my face

The outsider is watching your back  
The outsider cut me some slack  
The outsider just a little off keel  
The outsider is something you feel

I don't have to be straight  
You don't have to be something I hate  
I don't have to be white as a ghost  
You don't have to be dumb as a post

I don't have to be hip  
You don't have to start losin' your grip  
I don't have to be right if you're wrong  
You don't have to be weak if I'm strong

The outsider like a coat when you're cold  
The outsider like a friend when you're old  
The outsider a little devil may care  
The outsider it's just something that's there

You don't wanna be a saint  
I don't wanna be something I ain't  
First you get a little long in the tooth  
Next you're tryin' to find a fountain of youth

It's a pain in the butt  
But that's the trouble when you're stuck in a rut  
We don't have to find a permanent bliss  
But we've got to do better than this

The outsider like a stone you don't throw  
The outsider like a bomb you don't blow  
The outsider like a mountain don't move  
The outsider you've got nothin' to prove