

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