

# You've Been Bought

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So the suburbs were jungle  
Did you mama make you eat it?  
You were barely out of high school  
When your daddy told you 'Beat It'

And repression was a buzzword  
So you called yourself a victim  
A victim of repression  
This court is now in session

With a growl and a guitar  
You made yourself a name  
But the fire left the grooves  
When the first check came

You've been bought  
(Interests are conflicting)  
You've been bought  
(Chemical's addicting)

You've been bought  
(What goes around, comes around)  
You'll get caught  
Get it while you're hot 'cause you know  
You've been bought

Sold your bad reputation  
For a deal in Tinseltown  
Then the video rolls  
Then the whip comes down

Did you slap around the ladies for the camera?  
Do you slap them when the camera isn't there?  
Those are lawyers telling you to look rebellious  
Pulling strings when your fist goes in the air

This year's rock and roll messiah  
Come to settle some old score  
You can save that bad boy posturing  
I've seen that sneer before

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(A real heavy sweater?)  
You've been bought  
(Elvis did it better)

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(What goes around, comes around)  
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South African promoters call  
And you wonder if you should  
But ideals fall like dominoes  
When the money looks good

We don't need another manufactured rebel  
We don't want your twisted doctrines of despair  
If your music's saying nothing save it for the dentist chair

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You've been bought, hey