

Hot Soft Light

The Hold Steady

I was not involved at the Northtown Mall.
As a matter of fact I didn't even know that's where it happened.

I was France ave when they came out dancing.
I was Lyndale south. I was kicking it with cousins.
We were talking about going clubbing.
Instead we just started drinking.

I've been straight since the Cinco de Mayo.
Before that I was blotto.
I was blacked out. I was cracked out.
I was caved in.
You should have seen all these portals
That I've powered up in.

We started recreational.
It ended kinda medical.
It came on hot and soft and then
It tightened up its tentacles.

I wasn't there
I was blind high. I was scared.
I was Lake and Columbus.
I was cutting off all my hair.
I was unfurling a flag of defiance
Aimed at my guidance guy.

So this is it.
This is the end of the session.
I ain't gonna be taking any more questions.
I think my attorney's gonna second that notion.

It started recreational.
It ended kinda medical.
It came on hot and soft and then
It tightened up its tentacles.
The band played screaming for vengeance
And we agreed. this world is mostly manacled.
It started ice cream social nice.
It ended up all white and ecumenical.

There are guys
With wild eyes when they ask to get you high.
There are girls
That will come to you with comfort in the night.
That's right.

We started recreational.
It ended up all medical.
It came on hot and soft and then
It tightened up its tentacles.
The band played 'Sabbath Bloody Sabbath'
You thought it was stony and adorable.
It started in the vestibule.
It ended in the hospital.

There are guys

With the wild eyes when they ask to get you high.
There are girls
That will come to you with comfort in the night.
There are nights
Where it all comes on a little bit too bright.
There's a cross
And in the center there is a hot soft light