

Paid in Cocaine

The Mountain Goats

Crusty boots in the corner of the closet by the tackle box
Once proud shining silver buckles safe behind the normalcy lock
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Baubles and bangles
A lost age
Still all aglow with the radiance of the stage
That's who I was
This is who I am
Work to pay down the interest on the mortgage
Used to get paid by the gram

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Master tape from the show we did at Fender's back in '85
Dark paisley from Retail Slut all four of us still fresh and alive
Flashes and phosphenes
It's hard to believe that's me
Strapped in, visibly sweating, as happy as I'm ever gonna be
You're by my side
Five years left on your card
You're cashing out, all dressed up
For your date with the emergency ward

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