All the Old Showstoppers

The New Pornographers

When John he saw the numbers he lied Made up the whole thing, failed when he tried To cash in on his cautious new fame Always the numbers but never the name

We we hit the numbers we broke Broken and changed them changed as we spoke We knew that we would always be down Hitting the numbers spun way 'round

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And when he got the numbers he thought Thought of his friends who slowed to a halt Who had questioned to no avail Some knew the answers, some wouldn't tell

When Gabriel saw the numbers he fell Fell through the clouds into the great well But woke up before he hit the ground No one had noticed still he looked around

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With her hand to guide you You are nothing if not home The princes of the paupers And all the old showstoppers Till this moment's still unknown