

# Ballad of a Comeback Kid

The New Pornographers

Pray for content  
Settle for free rent  
The tenements recall Rome

High five  
Look up, look alive  
As the scions of history  
Guess another mystery  
Wrong.

Recite your lines  
And I'll quote scriptures  
Everything was fine  
Until membership lost its privileges

Everyone in town  
Wanted to be around you  
This went on for awhile  
Until they finally found you

Ever so careful  
On the strip  
We cruise  
Crippled in  
Someone else's shoes  
Who knew?  
Mind you  
I never had to stand in line  
You did...  
For the ballad of a comeback kid

Watch your step  
As you step down  
From the podium  
Returned from the war  
To a hero's welcome  
What's more  
You just had to win

Blazing new trails  
Waving goodbye  
To the audience  
Held captive  
The crowd was inactive  
It made such perfect sense

But you won't  
Kelly says she could have  
Like a bat out of hell  
Time has come for you