

# Half a Million

The Shins

I make myself a promise  
Then break it every night  
I'm feeling loose and life don't make no sense  
I use my brains to build a fence  
'Round the claim I stake  
I take the drugs but the drugs won't take

I took a pledge to grow up  
Then drank enough to make me throw up  
On all my dearly disappointed friends  
I'm just too lazy to make amends  
With you anyway  
That's why the pattern still remains

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A shelter in the nighttime  
A punk running free  
And if it gets too deep  
I reach for my guitar  
And if I try hard

I find something I can really drop into  
And everything that was is just a thing that I can sing  
Everything is something next to nothing  
As crazy as it seems, you give it up and you are free

Another candle to blow out  
New set of dark thoughts to shut out  
And everybody's got their remedies  
But nothing works like chemistry  
So raise a toast  
No more sipping from the fire hose

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There's half a million things that you're supposed to be  
A virgin in the moonlight  
A freak on the scene  
And if it gets too deep  
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