

## Now That I've Taken My Life

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Now that I've taken my life, hiding the dampenings  
Scouring the stubborn stains erasing them carefully.  
Breaking the dreams of a life and interring them pray fully  
My telephone never stops ringing  
Now that I've taken my life

Now that I've taken my life, pleading reality  
Mumbling moralities, and loosing the child I was.  
Smiling my youth to the wall and recalling how wild I was  
I'm a very popular man  
Now that I've taken my life

It was a foolish life I know ivory towered and quite out of touch  
It was a life that had to go I guess I won't miss it much.  
For the solid gold winners are standing in line  
And dangling a solid gold key  
They take me to dinner they pour me my wine  
They ask very little of me

Now that I've taken my life, remembering the April air  
My hands in a cursory prayer my eyes and the crowd outside  
The music is merry the laughter is comfortably loud outside  
And the laughter I'm hearing is mine  
Now that I've taken my life

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It was a life that had to go I guess I won't miss it much.  
For the solid gold women are standing in line  
And dangling a solid gold key  
The very best hostesses pour me my wine  
Extending their daughters to me

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Scouring the stubborn stains erasing them carefully.  
Breaking the dreams of a life and interring them pray fully  
Ah there's clearly no stopping me now  
Now that I've taken my life.