

Costello Elvis

"How To Be Dumb"

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I was hell-bent on destroying my powers of
concentration
While you were living like a saint
And all the time the very one you trusted was washing
off
somebody else's paint

Now you've got yourself a brand new occupation
Every fleeting thought is a pearl
And beautiful people stampede to the doorway of the
funniest
fucker in the world

They're here to help you
Satisfy your desire
There's a bright future for all you professional liars

CHORUS

Now you know how to be dumb
Are you ready to take your place in the modern
museum of
mistakes?
Don't you know how to be dumb?
Like a building thrown up overnight in one of the
reverse
earthquakes

They emptied out all the asylums, they emptied out all
the gaols
The "New Bruise" was the name of a dance craze
By "Jesus Christ and the Cruel Nails"
Followed up by "Torturing Little Beaver"
With their contraption of barbed wire
Between the fear and the fever lies all the rejection
they
require
They'll be howling by midnight, they'll be drooling by
dawn
Skulls shrunk down to the size of their brains
Heads shaven and shorn

CHORUS

Trapped in the House of the Perpetual Sucker
Where bitterness always ends so pitifully
You always had to dress up your envy in some half-
remembered
philosophy

Now you're masquerading as pale powdered genius
Whose ever bad intention has been purged
You could've walked out any time you wanted but face
it you
didn't have the courage
I guess that makes you a full time hypocrite or some
kind of
twisted dilettante
Funny though people don't usually get so ugly 'til they
think
they know what they want
Scratch your own head stupid
Count up to three
Roll over on your back
Repeat after me

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