Antime "The Nogoodnick"

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The nomadic addict bites down on his wallet He buries his fingernails in the floor where he's fallen His blood is freezing and his skin is on fire He's twitching and wheezing and about to expire

Yes this nocturnal colonel opens and closes his eyes It was bound to end up this way It comes as little surprise He's covered in perspiration it soaks his sear sucker suit

He wonders who in tarnation Put a scorpion in his boot Which one'a the sons of bitches Did this dastardly deed? He knew that some had it in for him But he never took heed.

He never listened to anybody Never took a word of advice He disowned his whole family and didn't think twice His poor old mother Who failed to keep him from trouble Who knew just enough about Shakespeare to fill in a crossword puzzle He got tangled with Satanic actors at an impressionable age

But were flawless on stage They traveled all over the countryside Playing to sold out crowds

Who in his heart he knew were bastards

Late at night he heard them making awful guttural sounds

And he was making the same ones now Writhing in a pitiful heap He has no hope of surviving

The scorpion got into him deep

His mind is reeling

His reality has collapsed

Everything that has ever happened has been part of some elaborate trap

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