

Elton John "Bitter Fingers"

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I'm going on the circuit, doing all the clubs
And I really need a song, boys, to stir those workers up
And get their wives to sing it with me just like in the
pubs
When I worked the good old pubs in Stepney

Could you knock a line or two together for a friend?
Sentimental tear inducing with a happy end
And we need a tune to open
Our season at Southend, can you help us?

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At the keyboard player's hollow haunted eyes

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I'm sick of tra-la-las and la-de-das
No more long days hacking hunks of garbage
Bitter fingers never swung on swinging stars, swinging
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I like the warm blue flame, the hazy heat it brings
It loosens up the muscles and forces you to sing
You know it's just another hit and run
From the tin pan alley twins

And there's a chance that one day
You might write a standard lads, so churn them out
quick and fast
And we'll still pat your backs
'Cause we need what we can get to launch another
dozen acts
Are you working?

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