

Harry Chapin "Laugh Man"

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Oh, God I love myself when I've got it on
I know, I'll live forever, babe, all my fears are gone
Then suddenly I'm dyin', they turned the laugh track
off
I'm drownin' in the silence, crucified by coughs

Oh, I am the Laugh Man, half clown and half man
Half out and half in, mister can't you see?
I'm supposed to leave you laughin'
Why don't you laugh at me?

I started out by starvin', desperate for money
My belly crackin' dirty jokes that didn't come out funny
My neck stuck out so far like a gawky giraffe
Screamin' on a guillotine, "Come on, sucker, laugh"

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Oh I'm the guy who always catches the pie
I specialize in pratfalls
I am the goon who flashes the moon
A mouse in a house of catcalls

I'm your jester your juggler, your joker, your friend
I'm nothin' more or less than a horse's nether end
My ego is a bubble that I realize just broke
And alone without a microphone, my real life's a joke

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