Martin Sexton "Free World"

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I've been stemmin' for change And singin' in these streets now Long as I care to recall The dank little lounge room In the Roosevelt hotel My idea of a holiday

Every once in a while
A little old light shines
Through my tunnel
So I follow it like a moth
Flies to the flame

And just when I think
I got my world by the balls
I find I'm dancin' in the light again
Dancin' in the light
Of a speedin' freight train

I'm singin' it's hard Livin' in the free world An' gettin' saved by the bell Most people find my company To be strange as hell

Lookin' back on aspirations and dreams My father he had in mind for me The moon lights the tracks And broken glass as I recall Those plans I left so far behind

And I know better off
He never saw me this way
So he always told me,
Don't let the devil have his due

And I know my dad
Would turn over in his grave
To see me hog tied to the chain
Or dancin' in the light
Of a speedin' freight train

Singin' it's hard, livin' in the free world Gettin' saved by the bell An' people findin' my company To be strange as hell

And it's only gettin' harder in this free world With all my strugglin' and my strain People find my sweet peace of mind In the pourin' rain

As the storm moves in
Ain't no friends to be found
So I sit 'neath this dream
And bridge for a while
And it seems that my mind
Is in pieces on the ground, singin' it

And it's only gettin' harder in this free world With all my strugglin' and my strain Mostly find my Jesus In the pourin' rain

I'ma livin' in the free world
I'ma livin' in the free world
I'ma servin' in the free world, hmm, hmm, yeah
I'ma livin' in the free world
I'ma servin' in the free world

Honey, yes I'm child call me priest But, I' ma livin' in the free world Living in the free world Living in the free world Living in the free world

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