

Nick Cave

"Brother, My Cup Is Empty"

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And I haven't got a penny
For to buy no more whiskey
I have to go home

Oh brother, my cup is empty
And I haven't got a penny
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I am the captain of my pain
'Tis the bit, the bridle and the trashing cane
The stirrup, the harness and the whipping mane
The pickled eye and the shrinking brain

Brother, buy me one more drink
Explain the nature of my pain, yeah
Let me tell you once again
I am the captain of my pain

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I cannot blame it all on her
To blame her all would be a lie
For many a night I lay awake
I wished that I could watch her die

To see her accusing finger spurt
To see flies swarm her hateful eye
To watch her groaning in the dirt
To see her clicking tongue crack dry

Brother, buy me one more drink
One more drink and then goodbye
And do not mock me when I say
Let's drink one more before I die

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I've been sliding down on rainbows
I've been swinging from the stars
Now this wretch in beggar's clothing
Bangs his cup across the bars

Look, this cup of mine is empty
Seems I've misplaced my desires
Seems I'm sweeping up the ashes
Of all my former fires

So brother, be a brother
And fill this tiny cup of mine
But please, sir, make it whiskey
I have no head for wine

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I counted up my blessings
And I counted only one
One tiny little blessing
And now that blessing's gone

So buy me one more drink, my brother
Then I'm taking to the road
Yes, I'm taking to the rain
And I'm taking to the snow

Oh my friend, my only brother
Do not let the party grieve
And throw a dollar on the bar
Now kiss my ass and leave

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