Portugal. The Man "Compliment?"

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Well I've felt worse and I have felt Better than this I've made a pacifier Out of my fist

Well I don't care when bones are bare The mind can't interfere And what I've said outside my head Anyone can hear

Maybe I praise you 'cause I cannot praise myself Won't you just take A compliment from me?

Perhaps they're understated And a little overmasked If they were hand delivered It would be more than I could ask

Forwardness ain't my business But you can fish for compliments While I beg for forgiveness

I'd like to reap the flatteries I sow But I really cast seeds of doubt Looks like you take them from everyone And everyone hands them out

Self mutilation just ain't my trip But now this is worth the trouble Cut me open with your laughter I bleed complementary colors

Tender seedlings trampled And overwatered boughs Won't you just take A compliment from me?

Perhaps they're overstated And a little undermasked If they were what I really meant It would be more than I could ask

Forwardness should be my business But you can fish for compliments While I beg for forgiveness

Well I have tried every approach And they always leave me empty But each one has it's special way Of making everyone contempt me

It seems rather selfish to want to be loved Or to love and expect you to care But my batteries don't run on flattery And it just gets me nowhere

Oh when was I ever promised I'd get back all that I gave?
But I wouldn't care if you'd take
A compliment from me

Perhaps it's too late
Or too much to expect
But compliments that come no strings attached
Well, they're certainly the best
Thing for me, I adore you
But you can fish for compliments
And I won't be there to bore you

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