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"Happy Hero"

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If I got shot
I bet the press would pick it up
You'd like me all a lot
If I got beat
When camera's rolled you'd see me lying bloody in the
street
If a crazy stalker stabbed me or if down the stairs I fell
My room would fill with flowers,
And with cards to wish me well.
And I'd be your happy hero 'cause you'd heard my
catchy song
And after being ripped apart, I could do no harm.
I know that I've done nothing that a coward wouldn't do
But even I might see things different, after listening to
you
I'd be so hot, yeah,
For the sale-price of a press release
Success can still be bought
I'd sit so tall
They'd pluck me in a wheelchair and they'd push me
down the hall
I'd play a song for dying kids, your eyes would start to
tear
That would be the ticket, to bolster my career
And I'd be your happy hero and I'd sell another song
And after viewing my big heart, you'd have me going
strong
I'd play a gentle lover in a movie for T.V.
So I deserve your pity, when my wife divorces me
If someone told, no,
Accused of fucking teen-aged boys and beating others
cold
You'd side with me!
And enough of your would doubt it, which would likely
set me free
You'd say I didn't do it and that anyone could tell,
'cause he's smooth and smart and pretty
And he reads his lines so well
And to be your happy hero
I'd just sing another verse
The more I sing,
The more you would relieve me from my curse

Release me from your consciousness
As I bring down the floor
Selling Pepsi from the stage,
You yell and scream for more
More, more damnit! More!

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