

**Noel Torres****"The Death Of John Smith"**

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I've got respect from the community,  
I've got my bridge game to look forward to,  
I've got this chance, a golden opportunity,  
As long as I keep doing what I'm supposed to.

You see my wife and kids, they depend on me,  
To provide them with nothing but the best,  
I feel it's my duty, my obligation,  
To live up to the standards society suggests.

So I'll keep on working for their benefit,  
And I'll keep on drinking,  
I'll keep on believing in my life.

Another year of slaving and smiling, buying and  
trading,  
Living the life of a wealthy man,  
But somehow I don't feel so rich inside.  
But that doesn't make sense,  
I just had a two week vacation,  
As soon as I get this operation,  
Taken care of, I'll start enjoying,  
The good things in life.

So I'll keep on working for the benefits,  
And I'll keep on drinking,  
I'll keep believing in my life.

When the pity spins your mind,  
Darkness fills your heart,  
And I won't be around,  
When you're feeling all alone,  
Then you'll know it's time,  
To go into the ground,  
When the pity spins your mind,  
Darkness fills your heart,  
And I won't be around.

I've got my family, friends, and associates,  
To stand by me as the threshold comes near,  
Within their faces I see grave concern,

As I ask myself if their thoughts are sincere.

After all these years of being complacent,  
What do I get? Tenderness, affection, a true sense of  
love?

No! Just a pain through a body chalk full of regret.

I'll keep on believing my life still has value,  
And I'll keep on laughing,  
Why can't I stop laughing?  
I can't stop the laughing.

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