

Paul Simon "Richard Cory"

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They say that Richard Cory owns one half of this whole town
with political connections to spread his wealth around
born into society a banker's only child
He had everything a man could want power, grace and style
But I work in his factory and I curse the life I'm living
and I curse my poverty and I wish that I could be
Oh I wish that I could be, Oh I wish that I could be
Richard Cory

The papers print his picture almost everywhere he goes
Richard Cory at the opera, Richard Cory at a show
and the rumor of his parties and the orgies on his yacht
oh he surely must be happy with everything he's got
But I, I work in his factory and I curse the life I'm living
and I curse my poverty and I wish that I could be
Oh I wish that I could be, Oh I wish that I could be
Richard Cory

He freely gave to charity, he had the common touch
and they were grateful for his patronage and they
thanked him very much
so my mind was filled with wonder when the evening
headlines read,
"Richard Cory went home last night and put a bullet
through his head."
But I, I work in his factory and I curse the life I'm living
and I curse my poverty and I wish that I could be
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