

## Phil Ochs "Fallen Star"

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I was taking my pleasure in a bar I called home  
When an old friend appeared at the door  
He was filled with bad whiskey, so he didn't see me  
As he stumbled the sawdust filled floor

He was famous for filling our halls with his songs  
Till the words and the music ran dry  
Soon the backstage buffoons and their parasite friends  
Chased a new shooting star through the sky

(chorus) falling star you know who you are  
You toyed with the notion of failure  
Like kids play with bugs in a jar  
You wouldn't believe it could happen to you  
But this time you've fallen to far.

Once the news of his comeback was filling the trades  
So the critics came loading their guns  
Oh I watched how they cursed him, nuzzling their  
drinks  
He was finished before he'd begun

(chorus) falling star you know who you are  
You were buying a round for our table  
When they brought out the feathers and tar  
You laughed when I said it could happen to you  
You've already fallen too far.

Falling asleep at the table  
Mumbling your prayers to the floor  
Paying the bill, we bid you farewell  
And quietly slipped out the door

Oh the night quickly passed in an alcohol haze  
That fire don't ever burn long  
But the lesson I learned in the bar room that night  
Still burns in the words of this song

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