

## Asylum Soul

### "Nice Guys Don't Get Paid"

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Well they packed up their violin cases  
Hopped in a big black Studebaker, they were acting  
pretty scary  
No one talked as they synchronized their watches  
And they drove past a train station  
The train rolled out with a passenger car  
Filled with retired millionaires and movie stars  
And the gangsters, cowboys, gypsies, and  
freewheelers  
Sold out their trades to become drug dealers  
There ain't no money in doing things straight  
Your community thanks you, business is good, and  
nice guys don't get paid  
Outside the train window fast as he could ride  
Was a kid on a horse with a head full of lies  
And the tears of excitement couldn't put out the fire in  
his eyes  
For the house he was riding to burglarize  
All through the house they were dancing and singing  
An extended family with fiddlers and magicians  
A juggler and a chemist who'd invent potion to pacify  
all the killers and rapist  
The chemist died in the burglary and they sold the  
prescription  
For a case of cheap red wine to a traveling salesman  
In a three-wheeled jalopy; he bought and sold potions  
To the city that looked over the ocean  
And he sold the last drop, it was big with the rich kids  
And soon the city would be crawling with addicts  
And back rooms, dark allies, basements and attics  
When a fly is trapped in a spider's web (but a bat's got  
the spider?)  
And no one knows what's going on  
But you've gotta show up for yourself at the end of the  
day  
And nice guys don't get paid  
Nice guys don't get paid  
Now all the hopeless romantics are wearing white  
collars  
Upstanding assassins cleaning filthy dollars  
Car-jacking fanatics who kill for religion

In a city full of addicts and color television

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