

Slobberbone

"Pinball Song"

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Six weeks on the road now, I'm feeling kind of spent
There's a few things I need and ones a friend
A few good games of pinball and a double whiskey
sour
I'll rinse it with a beer and repeat again

You know I couldn't find you in the place you used to be
I'm a sucker for the old times, that's me
But I asked around the bar and they said you were
gone for a couple of days
On a vacation in the drunk tank so they'd say

I saw that girl you used to know at the other end of the
bar
I never thought she'd ever get that far
She said you two were through, it seemed you were
driving for different things
I said I understood, I've wrecked that car
So now there's thirteen empty bottles, a glass or two or
four
The lights came on we headed for the door
But the night was adolescent and she said she wanted
more
And that's what she kept the apple blossom for
So up the stairs to her apartment with the Christmas
lights that blink
It's the second week of May but that'd be okay
Except that under those blinking lights we opened a big
old can of stink
And you smell it soon enough in one more day

Saturday, the twelfth of May, the policeman turns the
valve
And the first drunk of the weekend dribbles out
Collect all your effects and take a cab straight to the
bar
You're wondering what the whisperings all about
Well I'll tell you:

It's about the easy sheen of alcohol, of better-not-do's
done

Of blinking lights and the curse of roomates' tongues
An entire bar's worth holding theirs, but it only takes
just one
And then it's pass that can around, it's your turn, son
Because this pinball gane I'm playing, you know it's not
the same

Times used to be you and me could always match
Yeah and the multiball came easy just like the replay
game
And the wagers won and tossed hard down the hatch
So now I nailed the free game and there's a bottle
across my head
My table tilts, I'm headed for the floor
Went out to find an old friend but I lost me one instead
I lost it all for just another score

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