

Hold Steady, The "Sketchy Metal"

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She only pays attention to the prices of cigarettes
She says she hopes they'll get cheaper
She only takes the pick-me-uppers
To counteract all the put-me-to-sleepers

She used to be a receiver
Went out deep for guys that looked like Johnny Fever
Last winter
I swear I thought she might be our savior

Went through a skater phase
Went through a raver phase
I went through a razor blade phase
I guess I went through a hundred dollars a day

It was dark along the edges of the city
But the light shined through behind the reinforced
doorways
They're tipping over in the taprooms
They're shooting through the ceiling and they're
bleeding on the floor

And yeah, for sure we got dosed
We hung out pretty close with some questionable folks
We got ideas from some dangerous thinkers
We put our mouths up to some dangerous drinks

Some nights we almost froze
But we rubbed up pretty close to some rock and roll
promoters
Stayed up pretty late with some rock and roll
performers
It's always entertaining when you're hanging out with
entertainers

Went through the publicist
To try to get through to the rhythm guitarist
We got so high that the audience, they looked just like
ants
Woke up with the backstage pass in my pants

She said, "I used to be a speed shooter
I went out deep for guys that looked like Alice Cooper
And last winter
They had my heart all hooked up to computers."

We didn't see the holy ghost
But the father and the son they seemed like regular
folks
Jesus rolled his eyes when his dad made Jesus jokes

And he forgave me for my sins
He said, "Let this famine end and let the 2-for-1s begin
And bless the beasts and the children and the water
and the waiters."
It's always so creative when you're hangin' out with our
Creator

And his son, our savior
You get your picture in the paper if he lets you in his
trailer
It's always so amazing
When you're finally coming down with entertainers

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