

Grüvis Malt

"What Ladder?"

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Welcome to the food chain and you are right about
_____ (here)

Your music is worth \$50 and 6 free beers

And the beer is not a form of payment or hospitality,
it's a buffer between you and the insulting reality:

\$50 for six guys, two crew, and gas money?!

For four hours of work, heavy lifting, and crowd
stunning?

I make less than one dollar an hour for fifty hours a
week,

which I give back to the band so we can pay for the CD
that some PYT will no doubt ask for

as a donation to her Your Not Worth My Six Bucks
Foundation

And I feel like the stickler?! I REMAIN CALM!

And pray that decency will hit her before I do

It's not that I can't grasp the concept of self-promotion,
it's just that this "supporter" grossly undervalues our
devotion

Most jobs last a year? I'm talking life sentence

Convicted in '95 and been in love ever since

I won't forget how it feels

bolting a smile on my jaw

bathing in sacrifice, playing the rug

Art has too many users to be a good drug

It's all wearing thin...these methods of trying to get fat
feeding off the table scraps of headlining acts

Bumping off our sound check, cutting the already short
set,

every lenience is an "inconvenience" every monitor is
now a threat

And I'm trying to squeeze out approval from a biased
audience

by jumping up and down on hostile ground

It's hard to look relaxed when your Big Break is being
held hostage,

then look thankful while you hustle your gear off stage
to make time for dead air _____ to build

tension in the room

(and here I thought there was enough, our set was over so soon)

And in a way it's justified because "which band is really the draw?"

The one with the label PAYING for the airplay nonstop!
I'm not demanding success, just my hard-earned respect

You may have outgrown these shoes but I'm not through with them yet

And I don't want to bite the hand that feeds me

I just want to make it well known

if you start thinking tyranny then you'll be overthrown.

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