He was selling postcards from a paper stand
A whiskey bottle in his withered hand
He put his finger on a photo from an old magazine
He saw himself in the shadow of his dream
They found him with his head inside a tin-pot crown
Told him his feet stank and took him downtown
Called him agitator, spy and thief
Shut him up in solitary third degree

Take a long line
Take a long line, reel him in

He tried to appeal to the king of might
He said "I'm just excercising my sacred right"
The king he said "You ain't got no rights
You're a madman, traitor, get outta my sight"
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Take a long line, reel him in

(Solo)

They found him with his head inside a tin-pot crown
Told him his feet stank and took him downtown
Called him agitator, spy and thief
Shut him up in solitary third degree
They put him aboard a well wound whirlwind
Pulled out his teeth and told him to grin
He gave them a smile, pulled out a bottle of wine
And said "I never existed, you've been wasting your time"

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Take a long, long, long line, reel him in