

Swoosh

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Some people think the devil is all hairy and wild
Screaming in his underwear
But the devil likes his math to be correct
And the devil likes his corners squared.

Wilt Chamberlin has probably seen plenty of the devil
Built a house without a square corner in it
Picasso liked to keep the devil out of his work
And I dare you to find a square in it

Now the thing about the Nazis
Wasn't only that they killed a lot of Jews
But they killed them and they kept these meticulous
records
Of systems, procedures and rules

The devil was there in Germany
Checking off names and checking his math
Then going home to his little family
Eating sausages and running his bath

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Swoosh through the air with the greatest of ease, baby

Yeah the swoosh is the corporate sign of the Beast
And the Devil's in some Wall Street tower
Checking off who's in his pocket
Checking their shirts and in their showers

Tiger Woods and Michael Jordan wear the checkmark
Smile for the camera and keep their mouths shut
But their shoes and their clothes where the checkmarks
are made
By some barefoot kid in some hut.

Yeah too much money can ruin things
I've seen it ruin music and ruin sports
I give you permission to shoot me
If the devil shows up on my shorts.

So smile for the camera and show your pretty face
Smile for the camera and then lie
Smile and show us your checkmark
And smile for the camera and then die

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So be careful when you step into boxes
Be careful who you let design your horse
Be careful who it is you're trusting
And be careful who you endorse

Wilt Chamberlain has probably seen plenty of the Devil
Built a house without a square corner in it
I've got a friend who's probably seen plenty of the
Devil
He built a hot round house with lots of exits

The Egyptians built their pyramids
To keep the Devil out of their house
Me, I'm scared to have a house at all
So I keep driving and I'm careful who I stop for

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