

Story of an Artist

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sayin "hey get a job
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why are you so odd?

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the artist walks alone
someone says behind his back
"he's got his gall to call himself that
he doesn't even know where he's at"

the artist walks among the flowers
appreciating the sun
he does this all his waking hours
but is it really so wrong

they sit in front of their tv
sayin "hey this is fun"
and they laugh at the artist
saying "he doesn't know how to have fun"

the best things in life are truly free
singing birds and laughing bees
you got me wrong says he
the sun don't shine in your tv

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