

Party Generation

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When he turned 34 but who's counting
He couldn't find anyone who wanted to party
So he walked around a playground with a bag of Mickey's Tallboys
And he heard the sound of laughter and he followed it for fifteen blocks
There was a house between Mavis and Water
They were out on the porch, they were inside playing quarters
And he said, "Don't you know the game Kazaam? It's a better game,
You point your elbow at someone and say somebody else's name
And it alternates whose turn it is and if you lose you drink."
They said "Man, you really make us think,
Yeah you make us think and so

Tonight we're gonna be the party
We will party all night long
We are the party generation
So have a seat, what's in the bag?
Party on."

Round about one or two it started winding down
And he knew what they needed they needed donuts
So they walked out to Krispy Kruller's All night Sugar Palace
It was there in the doorway he said, "Oh, well maybe not."
Inside there were six women talking
They were the most justified angry ex-girlfriends
And they swivelled around slowly like they saw something bad
Through the eyes in the back of their heads
Like he always knew they had
And they said, "What a coincidence," and "Hey, you're just the man,
We were saying that you did the best you could
You're fine, we understand and so

Tonight we're gonna be the party
We will party all night long
We are the party generation
You were the best but we'll survive
Party on."

In the morning they sent him home with a designated driver
And he lay down and thought about the whole night
And he looked up at the photo that he bought at a junk shop
It was only fifty cents but he framed it and everything
It was the kind of party that you hope never ends
The lucky party boy surrounded by his friends
And they were all in pointed hats
Caught in a rebel birthday shout
And he was at the candles with his mom there to help him out
There was a lot that you could learn if you lay near them
Like if you listened you could hear them and he could hear them

They say,
Tonight we're gonna be the party
We will party all night long
We are the party generation
So lift your head and blow 'em out

Tonight we're gonna be the party
We will party all night long

We are the party generation
So lift your head lift your head
Party on