

The Player

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Number one, I was never left out of the fun
I was the envy of all I surveyed
With a little bit of you here
And then a better bit of you there
I was the one who bought, sold, cap and trade
Now hook, line, and sinker
I'd have you faster than the blink
Of an eye before you knew what was what
But then just when you got it
Well, I would turn 'round and drop you
Out the back of the car, or the crib, or the club

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Do you hear that tick tick tock?
That's the sound of my clock clock clock
Countdown to the rocket ship launch
I am like the astronaut
Who forgets to forget you not
Blast off before you touch my landing strip
Now the criminals of the underclass
And the white collars were still no match
For the thievery that I would perpetrate
I am the first one to leave
I am the last one to grieve
The mess of your heart that I'd make

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Break it down to the story arc
Fast break to the gory part
A cheater when I met her
She was the kind of theater I could get with
A permanent fucker, what could I do?
Full color spectrum, still I turned blue
Blue like the sky and blue like the sea
And blue like the body that freezes
Research development, experience and precedent
Relationship as lab and experiment
Syllables lost, victim tossed
Me, myself and I don't know what
Still I bought at the corner
Still I thought I was a comer
I'd be the fix to fix that drummer
Syllables mixing, hot spoon glistening
Shot up 'til my veins were sticking
'Til my heart went dead and my eyes went red
When she did like she said she'd do

Now the machinery that was my heart
It stutter stops on its broken parts
And stalls all where it was strong
For every one trick I treated
Here I am three times defeated
By the master mechanic who learned how to play my song
And now it's gank gank
Do you hear the clank clank?
That's the sound of my gears stripping
Because the tools of my attack
Became the adjective at my back
Now I am the noun with the verb missing

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