Temporary Beauty

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You have to do your best to come up to par, from straight off the production line like a car, Till everything you put on is a put-on, and you don't know who's face you're gazing upon

Could be anyone you're sending out there tonight, is it any wonder all the lights are too bright? And you need temporary beauty, and hope to God that it doesn't rain

You need temporary beauty, even though it might be love in vain

The world is full of little people like you They have to read a book to learn what to do They hang around in second hand stores for clothes And every kind of pressures steps on their toes Love doesn't fall out of a magazine You mustn't always believe what you see

Ah-ah-ah temporary beauty, ah-ah-ah temporary beauty, Ah-ah-ah temporary beauty

You might be the sweetest little girl in your heart But still the world ignores that and tears you apart You think of the parties you'll never attend You dream of someone who's more than a friend Love doesn't jump out of a magazine You mustn't always believe what you see

And you need temporary beauty, and hope to God that it doesn't rain You need temporary beauty, even though it might be love, (3 times)