

Speed Lab

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On the edge of an artichoke farm
We work through harm
Tweaked and well paid
We forgave
What the chemicals did
To our hands, lungs and face
Clearly making our fall from grace
Our fall from grace

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Sun sang through eucalyptus,
We sang along
Angela
I met her there,
Sweating out the San Francisco run
Every hotel on the five
Was our very own pleasure dive
Our own pleasure dive

Speed lab
Giveth and taketh away
The love, tender loving, money, money spending
Was before the fire, the DEA.
Those who survived the fire fled alone
I know that God hates alchemical work
I love him lonely, but in the end
What else to do but begin again
To do but begin again