

# Shop Vac

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We took the freeway out of town  
We found a place to settle down  
We bought a driveway and a swingset and a dog  
You got your very own bathroom  
I got my very own workshop in the basement

We sit around staring at the wall-to-wall  
Take field trips to our favorite mall  
Waiting for the day when all the kids grow up and leave  
us here

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I'll be downstairs  
With the shop vac  
You can call but I probably won't hear you  
Because it's loud with the shop vac on  
But you'll be OK  
Cause you'll be upstairs  
With the TV  
You can cry and I probably won't hear you  
Because it's loud with the shop vac on

We hung a flag above the door  
Checked out the gourmet grocery store  
I bought a mower I can ride around the yard  
But we haven't got real friends  
And now even the fake ones have stopped calling

Maybe if you forget to hide the keys  
I'll take a ride to Appleby's  
I'll come home drunk on daiquiris and throw up on the  
neighbor's lawn

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I like the Starbucks here that's better than the other  
one  
Cause the other one's not as good  
They really need to put a light there cause it's hard  
to turn  
It's hard to make a left turn

And when it's time to go to bed  
I'm still awake inside my head  
I'm floating up above the house and looking down  
I guess I gotta go back there  
I guess there never was any other answer

And as the freeway hums the cars go by  
The headlights roll across the sky  
Many miles away but I can see them speeding through the  
dark

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