

Everlasting

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Being honest just got you in trouble
So your mind is liquor and rubble
And in all of your lonely spaces
Sits attractive, irrational thinking
Like why can't you just get up, get out
Leave your wife and your kid and your house
Stamp the fire and start one anew
Like the darkness that's growing in you?
Leave the age on your face, the dog on the couch
Leave the pain in your knee, the teeth in your mouth
Leave the yells in the halls, the paint on the walls, and start
living?

Golly, boy, you're such a fool
Don't you know we count on you?
Grit your teeth and make us proud
Fake it when you don't know how

Is your brain singing songs to itself?
Are the miles calling for help?
Do your words taste real when they're belted?
Does your mind feel good when it's melted?
We're all here when you are not present
We're all here when you're out and irreverent
We're all here when you're lost to the static
When you act as if you're made for acting
We're all here when the shame pokes the back of your brain
We're all here when you're drunk, and you still won't abstain
We're all here when you treat your life like life everlasting

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Don't act like you don't know how