Looking back I should have stopped the interview and fled When the boss they called the Wizard tossed my resume and said "Now listen, kid, I don't care about your college or your grades Or your references, I only like results and getting paid If you can show me that you've got the goods to get ahead and earn Then I can promise you that you will fit in nicely at this firm" "Oh thank you, sir, I will not let you down!" and off I went to work I was determined to impress him and assured I'd keep my word But quickly I was overwhelmed and started falling far Behind the other hires, I was tired, keeping up was hard But if I had my own assistant, I thought I could be a star And so I bought one by the baggie in the bathroom of a bar Then I started going harder, faster than the others I was shining while the luster of my peers began to suffer Working later than the Wizard kept my tricks from figured out When the cap's away, the mouse will play, I'm the Wizard now

I got the job, I'm on the ball
I got ambition, I got drive, I got it all
I'll be the future once the boss is driven out
Keep on pushing me, well, look at me, I'm the Wizard now
I will keep on climbing till I've won
Flying ever higher by the sun
Challenges, I'll take on every one
Though your own wizard's assistant keeps insisting there are none

Things were really taking off, those days of wine and roses He goes "profits are up, kid, here's a raise and a promotion" All the notice and the cash and gifts and bonuses, it goes In one pocket, out the other and directly up my nose But I had grown so cocky and so sloppy at my peak I couldn't see in my own lack of sleep the cracks had sprung a leak As the water level rose I was drowning in a sea Of the mess I'd made and taking everybody down with me When the Wizard wisened up, he showed up one night after close Where he found me in his office, I was trying on his clothes He said "All the brooms in Salem cannot sweep this under rugs All the buckets in Nantucket cannot bail out what you've done You're fired!" and I was thrown out on the street at last Happened fast, only five hundred fifty-eight seconds had passed I maybe played with magic that I didn't fully grasp 'Cause once I'd tasted cheddar, I was caught up in a trap

I lost the job, I dropped the ball
I had convictions and a life, I lost it all
I am a failure, my demons got me driven out
With their hooks in me, well look at me, I'm in a prison now
I was climbing blinded till I fell
Flying high, my wings began to melt
Damages invited by myself
'Cause my own wizard's assistant cast the most relentless spell

You tried to take the crown off the boss, a disaster Lost in your own world, living life faster Hands in the air, spun around the circumference Eyes on the prize, but I had to disrupt it Honestly, you were running out of time

Water flooding faster, we were both getting high Told me you could use a little santeria A little pixie dust was just what you needed Stars in the sky as you tried as a demigod Semi odd automatic brooms were getting strong But you crossed the line when you sought my throne Through your subtle aim, your envy was shown I said it was the robes but I really didn't care You'll fade into obscurity like that framed hare Your prowess peaked, and I got annoyed So I silenced that squeak, 'cause I had no choice