

## Beautiful

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One more for the collection  
you've got on your wall  
paint it in the frame until  
you hire out a little stall  
and on a few,  
you've got to laugh  
as you inscribe  
his autograph...  
they are the ones that  
everybody chooses  
beautiful excuses  
Closing in on targets  
in an open sight  
each one spins around you  
and around you like a satellite  
just take one down  
when times are tough  
a diamonetta in the rough  
they are the ones that  
everybody chooses  
beautiful excuses  
Always tragic perfect bait  
they grip you as they captivate  
twist, but do not fabricate  
then imply they implicate  
you get thirsty; while you wait  
a demonstrator demonstrates  
that you've run out of  
holy water, dude

Your works of art are  
hanging in the Parthenon  
but where's the only one who  
ever bothered to take you on  
you can't explain  
why that one's gone  
until you put your finger on  
whatever it accuses  
beautiful forgery  
such beautiful excuses  
all you ever wanted someone  
who refuses  
beautiful