

Do The Work

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You've got the notion
You've got the knack
You're heading for the top
And you'll never look back
There is just one thing
That you lack
Do the work
Just do the work

And you've got a hook
You sure can't lose
And you spend all your days
Just courting the muse
But there ain't no fire
If there ain't no fuse
Do the work
Just do the work

Just like the carpenter
Sanding on wood
It takes time and sweat
To make anything that's good
And maybe you don't want to
But you know you should
Do the work
Just do the work

There is a David
Inside the stone
But it can't come on out
All on its own
You know you gotta work your fingers
To the bone
Do the work
Just do the work

Just like the carpenter
Sanding on wood
It takes time and sweat
To make anything good
And maybe you don't want to
But you know you should
Do the work
Just do the work

This is the one thing
That I have learned
A gift is given
It is not earned
For all the midnight oil you burned
The perfection for which you've yearned
To this one truth I have returned:
Success should not be your concern (no)
Do the work
Just do the work
Do the work
You've gotta just do the work

(Oh, work it now)

Yeah, that's right