

# 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

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To make anything good  
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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