

Pete Townshend, No Way Out (However Much I Booze)

I watch myself on TV, I'm a faker, a paper clown
It's clear to all my friends that I habitually lie,
I just bring them down
I claim proneness to exaggeration
But the truth lies in my frustration
The children of the night all pass me by
Have to dress myself up in brandy in sleep I hide,
But I don't care how much I booze ,
There ain't no way out
There ain't no way out
I don't care what you say boy
There ain't no way out

I lose so many nights of sleep, worrying about my responsibility
All the problems that screw me up, down to him or me?
My ego will just confuse me, one day it's going to up and use me
Dish me out another tailor-made compliment
Tell me about some destiny I can't prevent
How ever much I squirm
There ain't no way out
There ain't no way out
I don't care what you say boy
There ain't no way out
There ain't no way out .

And the night comes down like a cell door closing
Suddenly I realize that I'm writing now more honestly
While all alone with a bottle and my head up floating
Far away from the phone and the conscience going on at me and on at me
And I don't care what you say
There ain't no way out, no way out, there ain't no way out.
Just drive me.

There ain't no way out....(etc)

I walk into a club, and know one seems to know me
I have to tell the story of my life, to keep from being thrown out there and then
It all seems so futile can I live with some shy stud who disowned me
Can't face the fact that once you open up for real you become ambivalent
They both let you in , there ain't no way out
There ain't no way out
I don't care what you say boy, there ain't no way out
Take it from me.

Now the walls are all clawed and scratched, like by some soul insane
In the morning I hung-overly detach myself, I'll take no blame
I just can't face my failure, I'm nothing but a well-fucked sailor
You at home can easily decide what's right
By glancing over so briefly at what I write
But it don't help me that you know, there ain't no way out
No way out
No way out
I don't care what you say, there ain't no way out

There ain't no way out, etc....