When you're down to the last skin

And the limelight splutters to darkness in the death of a Zippo

At the backstage door the last fan has long disappeared With a plastic bag stuffed full of memories.

If only you'd signed them, if only to testify, if only to recognize that he existed.

That for a moment he stood there.

Side by side in the gutter on the hard cold shoulder of destiny  $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ 

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Year after year you pretend it's for real and it's all gonna ch ange you're determined this time.

Well happy birthday to me!

When you're the worm in the bottle.

You're the last one to leave and there's nowhere to go to.

And the minicab driver politely suggests you go home.

If you could only remember, just where that's at,

Just where you been, just where it went wrong.

You'll eventually find it.

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When you're down to the end line and they're writing you up and writing you off and it feels just like an obituary.

You feel it's all over. You want to drive on down to the beach And just keep on swimming. But you're still treading water.

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