

# The Hold Steady, Hot Soft Light

I was not involved at the Northtown mall  
As a matter of fact I didn't even know that's where it happened

I was France ave. when they came out dancing  
I was Lyndale south. I was kicking it with cousins  
We were talking about going clubbing  
Instead we just started drinking

I've been straight since the Cinco de Mayo  
Before that I was blotto  
I was blacked out  
I was cracked out  
I was caved in  
You should have seen all these portals  
That I've powered up in

We started recreational  
It ended kinda medical  
It came on hot and soft and then  
It tightened up its tentacles

I wasn't there  
I was blind high  
I was scared  
I was lake and Columbus  
I was cutting off all my hair  
I was unfurling a flag of defiance  
Aimed at my guidance guy

So this is it  
This is the end of the session  
I ain't gonna be taking any more questions  
I think my attorney's gonna second that notion

It started recreational  
It ended kinda medical  
It came on hot and soft and then  
It tightened up its tentacles  
The band played screaming for vengeance  
And we agreed. This world is mostly manacled  
It started ice cream social nice  
It ended up all white and ecumenical

There are guys  
With wild eyes when they ask to get you high  
There are girls  
that will come to you with comfort in the night  
Thats right

We started recreational  
It ended up all medical  
It came on hot and soft and then  
It tightened up its tentacles  
The band played sabbath bloody sabbath  
You thought it was stoney and adorable  
It started in the vestibule  
It ended in the hospital

There are guys  
With the wild eyes when they ask to get you high  
There are girls  
That will come to you with comfort in the night  
There are nights  
Where it all comes on a little bit too bright

There's a cross  
And in the center there is a hot soft light