

# Tom Verlaine, The Funniest Thing (Work Of Art)

(Verlaine)

watching you mix up the paint... brush away  
the questions now... ask another favor of who ever.  
you say it's failure not contempt that makes an  
honest fool of you... I think I'll use a lighter blue...  
there's a reason for that but I don't want to talk  
much about it... isn't that the funniest thing. I think  
about it all the time but I don't want to talk much  
about it. Ok, Ok, anything you say.  
striking up another match... put it to the candle there  
reading them old valentines. Trucks are going in  
and out of that big garage all night... I wonder why you  
turned on me as if I was a one way street but I don't  
want to talk much about it... I think about it  
some of the time but...  
playing checkers friday night... all your brother's  
friends are drunk...opinions they get funny too.  
I'm thinking of the things you said, looking at the  
bottles there... "no deposit, no return"...empty or full, it  
seems...