

# Dean Friedman, Marginal Middle Class

by Dean Friedman

I wanna have a big backyard.  
I wanna have a mailbox and swings.  
I wanna have a welcome mat and a porcelain cat,  
And a doorbell that rings.  
I wanna have a burglar alarm  
To keep my family from harm,

I wanna be Marginal Middle Class,  
I wanna be Respectable Middle Class,  
I wanna hire a kid to cut the grass,  
I wanna be Marginal Middle Class.

I wanna join the local lodge.  
I wanna have a two car garage.  
I wanna do a high school play with the P.T.A.  
I wanna have a new Dodge.  
I wanna have a steady job.  
I wanna eat corn on the cob.

I wanna be Marginal Middle Class,  
I wanna be Respectable Middle Class,  
I wanna hedge my bets, I wanna cover my ass,  
I wanna be Marginal Middle Class.

I don't wanna have a lot of dough,  
I just wanna be your average Joe.  
I wanna have just enough to see an occasional Broadway show.

I wanna have a swimming pool.  
I wanna have a couple of kids.  
I wanna have a motorbike and a dog named Mike  
And two guinea pigs.  
I wanna have a library card.  
I don't wanna have to work too hard.

I wanna be "Honey, can we eat out tonight?" Middle Class,  
I wanna be "Daddy, Roger punched me on the nose." Middle Class,  
I wanna live right near the overpass,  
I wanna be Marginal Middle Class.  
I wanna be Marginal Middle Class.