

# Elliott Smith, Wouldn't Mama Be Proud?

The question is: wouldn't mama be proud?  
There's a silver lining in the corporate cloud  
And the pretty post that you're taking as an NCO  
Of the Great Pretender  
I should sure think so  
Wouldn't mama be proud?  
"Can I take your order?" asked the heavenly host  
Ticket to the jet stream, blowing coast to coast  
The long-stemmed glasses, a movie, and a pleasant dream in midair  
"You gotta tell me quickly, 'cos we're almost there"  
Wouldn't mama be proud?  
Pointed out of the window at the sky gone black  
"Kid, you're on the right track"  
If I send you postcards from the side of the road  
Photographs of moving parts about to implode  
If I crawl to keep it together like you say you know I can do  
To transmit the moment from me to you  
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