## Sage Francis, High Step

You can't make it to heaven with a high step You can't make it to heaven with a high step

I played both sides of the field

I was better at defense

They put me out for special teams

The college league wasn't impressed

But the press called me a work horse

I ignored it like the crowd

I had calories to burn off

And I made my parents proud

A jersey with a number that concealed faulty equipment

A cog in the machine but the team saw me as different

Old beyond my years

My chest hair was like a carpet sweater

They made me leader

I wore that C like a scarlet letter

Whether hot or cold

I had to avoid the loss

And play better then the competitor

Whether or not I won the coin toss

I watched it flip in slow motion

While I considered the odds

But it's a sin to gamble

So I left the risk to God

We had a locker room prayer

Where we all lobbied the lord

I pretended to know the words

Bowed my head and mouthed along

That was my way then

I was a slave to the play pen

Where I tried to make friends

And couldn't wait to say " Amen"

Then hit the field

With a shield that was dented

And a sword that was warped by the wars that I've entered

I'm a veteran

With all this medicine on my plate

Because the game that we played

Was " How Much Pain Can You Tolerate? "

Can you do it without showing signs of it?

Without fooling yourself so you don't know when it's time to quit

Hell no

Well, Amen

Give me the pig skin, kid

I'm head huntin for Satan

Throwin' elbows

Til they're breaking

The coach made em look normal just by the that he taped them

I never went pro

I jgot paid in admiration and respect

But all of that seems to be changin

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And get get it get it done

Before we reach sudden death