Steely Dan, On The Dunes

Drive along the sea Far from the city's twitch and smoke To a misty beach That's where my life became a joke

On the dunes
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(became a joke on the dunes)
Where rents are high
And seabirds cry
On the dunes

As you spoke you must have known It was a kind of homicide I stood and watched my happiness Drift outwards with the tide

On the dunes On the dunes (homicide on the dunes) It wasn't fair It's brutal there

On the dunes

Pretty boats
Sweeping along the shore
In the faltering light
Pretty women
With their lovers by their side
It's like an awful dream
I have most every night

In the summer all the swells Join in the search for sun and sand For me it's just a joyless place Where this loneliness began

On the dunes
On the dunes
(loneliness on the dunes)
I'm pretty tough
But the wind is rough
On the dunes