

# Steely Dan, West Of Hollywood

Brother in tears  
Look at this chain of sorrows  
Stretching all the way from here and now to hell and gone  
I was Kid Clean  
She was Anne de Siecle  
Just a thrill away from punching through to the cosmic wow  
It started out good  
Then it got lots better  
Makin' up the rules as we went along  
But with a business like this  
There's an gnarly downside

[Chorus:]

I'm way deep into nothing special  
Riding the crest of a wave breaking just west of Hollywood

Swingin' so hard  
We burned right through the summer  
Till the axis of pain/pleasure sheared the arc of desire  
From the Rebus affair  
To the streets of Culver City  
Places and events slip below the horizon line  
Now at this time  
Into our pretty story  
The truth compels us  
To bring a certain name  
Meet if you will  
Doctor Warren Kruger

[Chorus]

She reached out for my hand  
While I watched myself lurch across the room  
And I almost got there

Look in my eyes  
Can't you see the core is frozen?  
You can't ask me to access the dreams I don't have now  
Sadly for us  
Our little talk is over  
So together we'll endure the tyranny of the disallowed  
Don't you love Port Blanc  
When Hooterie is over  
When the girls get easy and the crowds are gone  
A weekend of bliss  
Then the rainy season

[Chorus]