

# The Stranglers, Laughing

You could have wasted yourself in a plane in the air  
But lead poisoning from your daddy to me just didn't seem fair  
Committing the crime of taking your time  
You're laughing we're carving  
Your name in a tree for the kids to see  
We hear ya, we fear your ecstasy  
You paid the penalty  
You could have wasted away on the floor of a hotel room  
With the hand of a working girl to lead you into your tomb  
Committing the crime of taking your time  
You're laughing we're carving  
Your name in a tree for the kids to see  
We hear ya, we fear your ecstasy  
You paid the penalty  
You could have hung your hat on a pretender's lust for fame  
But you refused to lay it down  
It took your old man to live in shame  
For committing the crime of taking your time  
You're laughing we're carving  
Your name in a tree for the kids to see  
We hear ya, we fear your ecstasy  
You paid the penalty