

# Raw Meat

C#m B A B C#m B A B (NC) C#m B A B C#m B A B

C#m B  
Raw meat for the balcony  
A E  
Another mugging in Tin Pan Alley  
F#m D C#m  
Another heart attack takes the centre stage  
B  
You might think I'm being cynical  
A E  
But after these years I can still pass the physical  
F#m D C#m  
Still got my corner, still got my edge

F#m D C#m  
And the waitress takes an order for another round  
F#m D C#m  
And I try to blend my way into the crowd  
D F#m C#m B A C#m  
But the hunter of the autograph he wants my name  
A Eb7 G#  
And I just can't find the strength to turn him down

C#m B  
Raw meat for the balcony  
A E  
Don't get me wrong, I don't need your sympathy  
F#m D C#m  
Just lend me an ear and spare me a dime  
B  
I'm just a tear in the public eye  
A E  
From laughing or crying, it don't mean that much to me  
F#m D C#m  
Some sort of reaction is all that I need

F#m D C#m  
And the cognac goes down better in the hotel room  
F#m D C#m  
When you are staring at the writing on the wall  
D F#m C#m B A C#m  
Condemned by the critics who want to tear me down  
A Eb7 G#  
When it's just another lyric going for a song  
C#m B E G# Amaj7 F#m C#m B E G# Amaj7 F#m C#m B A  
C#m (NC)  
I'm raw meat

F#m D C#m  
We're lowlife on the highway in search of coin  
F#m D C#m  
Picking up the pennies off the road  
D F#m C#m B A C#m  
Guided by direction, in the wake of stars  
A Eb7 G#

We were driven by a dream that has broken down

And the bandwagon, well it's parked up in another town  
Well, I hope that tomorrow, that it's heading out our way  
To get us out of this tunnel where we've paid our dues  
With friends we buried out there beyond the lights

Raw meat for the balcony  
Is that all I am, all I'm going to be?  
Raw meat for the balcony  
Nobody's fool but mine, is that my destiny?

But if the bandwagon takes off for another town  
And the suits that buy the wine, they don't like my song  
Well, though I'm playing to empty tables till the curtain falls  
I'll always have the strength to carry on  
I'll always have the strength to carry on (raw meat)  
I'll always have the strength to carry on (raw meat)  
(I'll always have the strength to carry on, raw meat)  
(I'll always have the strength to carry on, raw meat)  
(Raw meat, raw meat, raw meat, raw meat, raw meat) Raw meat, raw meat  
(Raw meat, raw meat, raw meat, raw meat, raw meat) Raw meat, raw meat  
I will always have the strength to carry on  
Always have the strength to carry on, carry on, carry on  
Raw meat, raw, raw meat, raw meat, raw, raw meat  
(I'll always have the strength) Raw meat  
(I'll always have the strength) Raw meat  
A  
(I'll always have the strength) That's all I'm gonna be, that's all I'm  
gonna be  
(I'll always have the strength, raw meat) Gonna be, I'm gonna be  
(I'll always have the strength to carry on)  
(I'll always, I'll always, I'll always have the strength) Nobody's fool but  
mine

E G A  
(I'll always, I'll always, I'll always have the strength) Nobody's fool but mine

E G A  
(I'll always have the strength to carry on) I'll always have the strength

E G A  
(I'll always have the strength to carry on) I'll always have the strength  
E G

A  
(I'll always), I'll always, (I'll always), I'll always, (I'll always have the strength)

E G A  
I'll always have the strength, I'll always have the strength