

The Hold Steady, Constructive Summer

Me and my friends are like
The drums on "Lust for Life"
We pound it out on four-tops
Our psalms are sing-along songs

This old town is lifeless
Been that way our whole lives, just
Work at the mill until you die
Work at the mill and then you die

We're gonna build somethin' this summer
"(We're gonna build somethin this summer!)"
We'll put it back together
Raise up a giant ladder
With love and trust and friends and hammers
"(This summer!)"
We're gonna lean this ladder up against the water tower
Climb up to the top and drink and talk
"(This summer!)"

Me and my friends are like
Double whiskey coke, no ice
We drink along in double time
Might drink too much but we feel fine

We're gonna build somethin this summer
"(We're gonna build somethin this summer!)"
Summer grant us all the power
To drink on top of water towers
With love and trust and shows all summer
"(Get hammered!)"
Let this be my annual reminder
That we can all be something bigger

I went to your schools
I did my detention
But the walls were so gray
I couldn't pay attention
I read your gospel, it moved me to tears
But I couldn't find the hate and I couldn't find the fear

I met your saviour, I knelt at his feet
And he took my ten bucks and he went down the street
I tried to believe all the things that you said
But my friends that aren't dyin' are already dead

Raise a toast to Saint Joe Strummer
I think he might have been our only decent teacher
Getting older makes it harder to remember
We are our only saviours
We're gonna build somethin' this summer!