

Ivory Tower Blues

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My pay is on a nine month plan,	D	D			
And only twice the common man's.	G	D			
How can i to live well on that?	G	A	D	A ⁷	
What about my twelve month cat? I got them	G	A	D	D	
Iv'ry tower blues. Iv'ry tower blues.	G	D	A	G	G
It comes as quite unwelcome news,	G	A			
I'm living on a shortened fuse –	D	G			
Intellectual, ineffectual	D	A			
Iv'ry tower blues.	G	D			
The campus is a pretty place,	D	D			
But students clutter up the space.	G	D			
They occupy the classes that i teach,	G	A	D	A ⁷	
Precious time required for each. I got them	G	A	D	D	
Iv'ry tower blues. Iv'ry tower blues.	G	D	A	G	G
An offer that i can't refuse,	G	A			
Looks like i must pay some dues –	D	G			
Intellectual, ineffectual	D	A			
Iv'ry tower blues.	G	D			
The administration's got to go.	D	D			
They think they're here to run the show.	G	D			
They keep on adding more paperwork.	G	A	D	A ⁷	
What happened to my academic perks? I got them	G	A	D	D	
Iv'ry tower blues. Iv'ry tower blues.	G	D	A	G	G
Enough to drive me to the booze,	G	A			
Leaves me with a mental bruise –	D	G			
Intellectual, ineffectual	D	A			
Iv'ry tower blues.	G	D			

I heard an educator say
Students learn in different ways,
But i just think i'll leave things be. 'Cause
Lectures work just fine for me. I got them

D D
G D
G A D A⁷
G A D D

Iv'ry tower blues. Iv'ry tower blues.
It annoyingly distorts my views,
Interfering with my muse –
Intellectual, ineffectual
Iv'ry tower blues.

G D A G G
G A
D G
D A
G D

This committee meeting has to stop;
I'm going to my coffee shop
To watch the girls and shoot the breeze.
No more bull shit, please. I got them

D D
G D
G A D A⁷
G A D D

Iv'ry tower blues. Iv'ry tower blues.
Something that i didn't choose,
Experience that i can't use –
Intellectual, ineffectual
Iv'ry tower blues.

G D A G G
G A
D G
D A
G D

My lecture notes aren't up to date,
But important things upon my plate –
My tennis game requires my time.
Better yet, a vodka and lime. I got them

D D
G D
G A D A⁷
G A D D

Iv'ry tower blues. Iv'ry tower blues.
A malady i'd rather lose;
Wouldn't you if you were in my shoes?
Intellectual, ineffectual
Post-reactional, counterfactual
Iv'ry tower blues.

G D A G G
G A
D G
D A
D A
G D