

# Missed the Boat

## Modest Mouse

While we're on the subject  
Could we change the subject now?  
I was knocking on your eardrums  
But you were always out  
Looking towards the future We were begging for the past  
Well, we know we had the good things  
But those never seemed to last  
Oh, please just last  
Everyone's unhappy  
Everyone's ashamed Well, we all just got caught looking  
At somebody else's page  
Well, nothing ever went  
Quite exactly as we planned Our ideas held no water  
But we used them like a dam  
Oh, and we carried it all so well As if we got a new position  
Oh, and I laugh all the way to hell  
Saying yes, this is a fine promotion  
Oh, and I laugh all the way to hell  
Of course everyone goes crazy  
Over such and such and such  
We made ourselves a pillar  
We just used it as a crutch  
We were certainly uncertain  
At least I'm pretty sure I am  
Well, we didn't need the water  
But we just built that good god damn  
Oh, and I know this of myself  
I assume as much for other people  
Oh, and I know this of myself  
We've listened more to life's end gong  
Than the sound of life's sweet bells  
Was it ever worth it?  
Was there all that much to gain?  
Well, we knew we'd missed the boat  
And we'd already missed the plane  
We didn't read the invite  
We just danced at our own wake  
All our favorites were playing  
So we could shake, shake, shake, shake, shake  
Tiny curtains open  
And we heard the tiny clap of little hands  
A tiny man would tell a little joke

And get a tiny laugh from all the folks  
Sitting, drifting around in bubbles  
And thinking it was us that carried them  
When we finally got it figured out  
That we had truly missed the boat  
Oh, and we carried it all so well  
As if we got a new position  
Oh, and we owned all the tools ourselves  
Without the skills to make a shelf with  
Oh, what useless tools ourselves

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