

Top 40

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(Side 1)

Brian can you help us remember
22 days after November
an infant's birth in December
quiet times in front of the embers
a group gone of which I was a member
after summer and the days of September?

(Side 2)

Where are you Fonzie? Dave and Rick?
Does southern California really exist?
a sunny morn after the mist?
a memory of a teen that I can't resist?
a neurotic need that I call bliss?
but reality seems to insist -
going back in time not to miss
the "top 40" on the radio and the good
night kiss.

(Theme)

So I cried
when Ozzie died.

a song of joy out from in or in from out like verbing nouns

Is ...

feeling the flow
of no motion
leveling contradictions
with a multi-level chant

Was...

a million part harmony a peak experience of vibration over
dubbed on the channels and mixed to the mountain top.

(lead)

(chorus)

Bubblegum, Oh Bubblegum
with plastic scents

Bubblegum, Oh Bubblegum
with peppermint

(bridge)

(chorus)

Bubblegum, Oh Bubblegum
with candied rum

Bubblegum, Oh Bubblegum
with a trace of slum

Bubble Gum

Pretty boy
in high heels,
sing a lullabye
and wiggle your bottom.
And paint your face
When you sing your song
like neon wrapped in chrome.
Take it off!
Take it off!
...for your sister
has for centuries.

Sparkle Dust

Rolling thunder
and billows of smoke
(from on stage
and in the crowd)
ear splitting shout
(electronic)
of echo upon echo
squeal and squelch
coming off the wall
along with my motorcycle

Heavy Metal