Supermarket Blues

by Jerry Ratch

Man on aisle nine looking for the answer to cancer

Will the partially clothed couple on aisle four please put the rest of their clothing back on

If you are finished doing whatever it was you were doing?

Man on aisle five trying to imagine
While peeking between the cereal boxes

Hootie and one of the blowfish on aisle three Bring a mop please

Lightning and thunder on aisle thirteen Man washing his hair with gasoline

Chasing all the shopping carts
Half way down the block
Gotta beat the time clock
Gotta wear a blue smock
One day sales
Buy something for your nails
Frozen lobster tails
Day-old snails
Screw the parking meters
Get some Egg-Beaters

Got those supermarket blues Gotta get me some shoes Go sleep in a dumpster Take a big snooze Hit a party Drink some booze I got nothin' So I got nothin' to lose

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