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Get On Your Knees

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In hell the beer is
never cold enough,
the music is not
loud enough, and a
kiss gives you herpes.

What did you expect,
the royal treatment?
Get on your knees and
crawl through the sharpest
glass, the hottest coal,

and remember what
you did to get here.

Enjoy your beer on
earth, turn up the rock
n' roll. It will not

get better than this.

Kiss the one you love
and mean it. The sharp
glass and hot coals are
being made for you.

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