



*Paper Mill Press*

## **Dept. 5**

Matthew McCarthy

Trapped in this lab'rinth of shelves lined in blue  
'Tis here my ballad carries on in vain  
Glorified vending machine's job to do  
Merchant of TVs and video games

Beside a reg'ster I am made to stand  
At altar of retail fore'er to pray  
Slave at thy Plebian customer's hand  
Degradation at a shoe buffer's pay

Near too painful is this sentence to serve  
Products eternally fated to sell  
From aisle 3 Dante and poet observe  
Minimum wage to do shift work in Hell



Self-assurance must pull me through the dread  
Promise myself a real job lies ahead



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