

## **MY CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY**

As I look at the clock, it's a quarter to four  
I put on my uniform and head for the door  
I stop by the bong and take a deep puff  
Then I hit another cause one is not enough

Now I'm running and screaming down A1A  
I pass the bus in the left hand lane  
Shout at the tourists to get out of my way  
This fucking job is driving me insane

My current speed is right at 83  
Here goes my contribution to society  
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Ever think that maybe I'm alive?  
Then why the hell won't you just leave a five?  
I'm your prostitute not your fucking slave  
The difference is - prostitutes get paid

No, I don't want to serve you your big fried shrimp  
I'm your waiter not your fucking gimp  
Who the hell do you think you're whistling at?  
Eat your clam strips - make you big and fat

What's your early big special, my forks got a spot  
Where's my tartar sauce, my coffee's not hot  
Can we get a booth, can we get more bread  
How 'bout a nice fresh kick in the head

My dinner count is right at 63  
That's my big contribution to society  
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I try to clock in but I can't find my time card  
It was right here last night it shouldn't be that hard  
Here it is on the floor all sticky and sour  
I punch in so I can make two dollars an hour

I pick my section, I'm stuck in the back room  
Ten sauce trays to fill, got to wash my shirt soon  
First table of mine is anxious to meet me  
Cause they're in a big rush and they want some sweet tea!

Next table of mine is down on vacation  
They have come here from Georgia to see Disney's great nation  
They've got plenty of money but they need it for later  
So you know that their plan is to just stiff their waiter

Last table of the night comes in right at ten  
They stay until midnight and leave five percent

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## MY COMPLACENCY

Sycophant kisses, unfulfilled wishes  
Stacks of dirty dishes, a miss but no misses  
As these shackles tighten tighter I'd like to be inside her  
Like a lover not a fighter, once was I much brighter

But now I'm just a fraction of the man I used to be  
Like a leaf upon a branch when I used to be the tree  
So the spirits gave me life but nothing comes for free  
And the only one to blame is my complacency

So I sit here with my pencil and slowly start to stencil  
Each word upon this page to pacify my rage  
When I was just a kid I thought that I would rid  
The world of every evil, a champion of the people

Now I'm rich, just not alive, I guess I thought  
That there'd be more than a nightly stop at the liquor store  
So barkeep, pour a shot for me  
And pour one more for complacency

My complacency and me  
Exercise futility  
So don't expect me to set you free  
From your apathy

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Ashes on the finest floors  
Wishes lost in the deepest drawers  
I know somehow there's got to be more  
Than sycophant kisses and unfulfilled wishes

Nobody ever misses the poorest of the poor  
When it's time to meet your maker will money keep the score?  
Cause hell is full of heroes who died with seven zeroes  
Attached to their names like a two bit whore

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And when you're overcome by the sadness of society  
You can take comfort in complacency  
And when you figure out foundation is a fallacy  
You can take comfort in complacency

And when they proclaim their perfect life of piety  
You can take comfort in complacency  
And when you realize money won't set you free  
At least you've got your complacency

## **LEAVE ALL THE WISHING TO YOU**

I wish I could say your words don't affect me  
I wish I could say the things that you do  
Don't make me feel like a rose without petals  
I wish that I could but that isn't true

I wish for a path that could lead me past it  
I wish for a mantra to help me move on  
I wish every day that I didn't feel like  
Your valiant expendable passionate pawn

I wish for your kiss to be perfected passion  
I wish for your touch to be subtle yet bold  
I wish for your lips, a magnetic attraction  
To mine as we find how to have and to hold

I wish when you see me inside you would tremble  
And think to yourself of the last time we touched  
I wish that the skin on your body would tingle  
Where I touched you last for meaning so much

But my lamp isn't magic  
And my Genie has retired  
And these wishes are just not coming true  
So I guess I'll have to leave all the wishing to you

Yes, my lamp isn't magic  
And my Genie has retired  
And these wishes are just not coming true  
So I guess I'll have to leave all the wishing to you

## **THE LIGHT THAT MADE ME BLIND**

A younger version of me  
Who wasn't completely free  
Invited me to see  
A choice I did not make

And as I gazed intently  
Where this choice of mine had sent me  
I hungered for a way  
To bring me back that day

So that I could choose again  
Because in this choice of mine  
I had left the light behind  
The light that made me blind

To think that money matters  
And as I walked away  
The chains began to shatter

But that was long ago  
So long ago as though  
I didn't choose that choice

Now I'm driving this Rolls Royce  
So accustomed to these chains  
I only feel them when it rains  
As the raindrops hit the pane

So I hang my head in shame  
Oh, how wonder who's insane  
Is it the beggar with his bane?  
Or the top hat with his cane

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## **ROLL UP THE CLOUDS**

I have dreams that range far away from this place  
I have dreams that range far away from here  
I have future plans to liberate the loveless  
But for now I think I'll just have another beer

So share this drink with me, we'll talk about the Martians  
And their philosophies... What's your deepest fear?  
Face mortality while going through the motions  
Leave a legacy or fade and disappear

And we'll roll up the clouds and use them as a pillow  
We'll roll up the clouds and sleep upon the sky  
We'll have a front row seat, to an exploding supernova  
Enter my fantasy and I'll teach you how to fly

Do you remember me, we were lovers in a past life  
Now won't you dance with me, let me get lost in your eyes  
Your beauty's much too deep, to keep within a diamond  
Do you dare to follow me, let me lead you to the light

Is it our destiny, to meet beside the ocean?  
Our insanity to run naked in the night  
Such a long, long journey keep searching for a soul mate  
To come and set me free and make everything all right

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## **THE OTHER SIDE OF TIME**

Hypothetically speaking of course  
Let's say I'm riding a magical horse  
Through purple mountains majesty  
Across the fruited plains  
I come upon a rainbow marsh  
With whites so white and shades so harsh

I drink the rooted rains  
Looking to the east I see  
Through tangled, mangled canopy  
A stairway to the stars, so spiraled spindly  
Green and gently I rise above the rust  
I see so far, I see forever

I reach the top and pull the lever  
And descend into the dungeon  
These bars can't hold me, my mind - it molds me  
And I'm outside looking in  
I wonder, wonder cast asunder  
My multitude of sins

And if you glance these green blue eyes  
I'll make of you my friend, a hand to lend  
That I could somehow simply send  
Through purple mountains, fruited plains  
A rainbow marsh with whites so white  
And shades so harsh

Up the stairs and through the years  
Until eternity's end  
And there I'll stand with sword in hand  
Prepared to meet my maker  
And as I gaze into her eyes  
I'll take her hand and take her...  
To the other side of time



## **ORDINARY LIFE**

You can ignore me but the more you do  
The more I'll keep on getting up so it's understood  
I've come a long way to tell the tale  
For this life is truly meant for living, and not for rent or sale

The more I know the less I see  
How logic shakes hands with reason while they disagree  
Is this the path I chose or did it choose me?  
I feel blinded by the obvious, so please help me be

Ordinary life - undisputed master of will  
Herd us down the hill, spin us like a ball  
Till we give in

The more I see the more I wish  
There was more than what I care to see inside my dish  
I wake at night and I can't fall asleep  
So I carry on sleepwalking as I drag my feet

Ordinary life - undisputed master of will  
Herd us down the hill, spin us like a ball  
Till we give in

Ordinary life - it knows how to keep us at bay  
Feed us just enough, spoil us just a bit  
And tuck us in bed

## **FROM WHAT I KNOW**

What I wanna know is how you manage  
To carry on as if you're always right  
Time and time again you have your baggage  
Weighing heavily on someone's back

Do you ever think that you could break it?  
Does it cross your mind that I could snap?  
Or do you simply think that I will take it  
Just as long as I do not fight back

From what I know this too won't stick against you  
This much I know - I'll end up fully taking all the blame  
I've seen it all - ugly scenes and nasty tantrums  
I want it all to disappear fast and far away

What I want to do is to forget you  
As if you were a sting I barely felt  
And to exhale this smoke that nearly had me  
And fill with oxygen my broken heart

I know this day will come as sure as daylight  
I know it will reveal some sound insight  
And I'll be sure to pray for your cold eyes  
To open up at once and find your way

I know this day will come and sweep you off your rails  
I know it well because I have been through it in my own way  
You need to know that when it comes it will possess you  
Until it ... and sets your spirit free

You know, you know it was wrong  
To throw me into a dead whole  
I know you know it too  
Deep inside your bones

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I know this day will come and sweep you off your rails  
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You need to know that when it comes it will possess you

Until it shakes you up and sets your spirit free

## **GROW SO LARGE (I TOUCH THE SKY)**

Conforming mobs of acronyms  
That reign where I'm employed  
Put on a show of decadence  
That all the ants enjoyed

To this world I bid goodbye  
It's time for me to go and fly  
To the Earth I say hello  
Teach me how to give and grow

Grow so large I touch the sky  
An answer to the question why  
Lies within those waves that sow  
The peace that only then I know

The sunset winks at me and smiles  
And points me toward the millionth mile  
Now as I walk away I turn  
And wonder if they'll ever learn

That slaves existed all the while  
In mirrors where they checked their style  
In me there's something else that yearns  
To close the door cause courts adjourned

To find a place behind the ferns  
To walk away and watch it burn  
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## **MORNING BELLS**

Everything gone  
I'm feeling the blank dimension  
That needs to be filled  
With the choice of life that appeals to me

Singing a song  
About my conciliation  
With me in the past  
And the brand new man that I want to be

I know that I can prove it again  
I know that I can groove it again  
I know that I can do it again  
I know it  
I know it  
I know it

It's all I need to know  
As I greet the dawn  
I'm waking tall and strong

Yes, my heart's at ease  
Having found the peace  
I'm cured from all the wrong

I'm not alone  
In sharing this new direction  
As if I'm reborn  
I engage in this, which belongs to me

Sensing the tone  
Of newly revealed vibrations  
Grateful and sound  
I'm burgeoning like an almond tree

I know that I have found me again  
I know that I have caught me again  
I know that I have got me again  
I know it  
I know it  
I know it

Can you feel my beat?  
Running down the street

I'm flying like a kite

By the almond trees  
Curving like the breeze  
I'm soaring fast and high

Can you see me thrive?  
Getting back to life  
Set free from letting go

Swimming in the stream  
Following my dream  
As I did once long ago