Sleep Long

Operation Ivy

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In a doorway on the street
Through walls of sheltered inhibition
I perceived his condition
Dying of hunger, exposure
Food and shelter, two blocks over.
Within this place we breed and dwell
We've created living hell.Sleep long, sleep well
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Only to wake in hellCity sleeps and pigeons flutter,
Vagrant dies in the gutter
Prideless death somehow befitting
To life spent working on forgettingRiding on the bus, I looked outside and thought about death,
Passing cars the only tribute to his gasping final
breath.Sleep long, sleep well
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I decided to watch television.
Constant subliminal brain immersion
Subconscious death was his coercion.
Buy and consume and want and need
Never fall from the trap of greed.I thought about the bitter pain
Of jail cells and falling rain,
I thought ahead and looked away,
What can you do anyway?In sheltered youth and our pretention
Avert our eyes to divert attention
Only to see the human victims
Always there to remind us.Sleep long sleep well
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