

# Slumlord

## Dysrhythmia

OLD, BATTERED BUILDING, READY TO CONDEMN  
HIGH-VALUED PROPERTY, EXPENSIVE PIECE OF LAND  
HALF-FILLED WITH TENANTS, ALL POOR ON WELFARE  
NO HEAT OR ELECTRICITY, AND SLUMLORD DOESN'T CARE  
SLUMLORD DOESN'T CARE, SLUMLORD DOESN'T CARE  
MILLIONS IN INSURANCE COVERS THE WRECKED LOT  
AND A WEEK TILL IT'S CONDEMNED IS ALL SLUMLORD'S GOT  
HE ENTERS THE BASEMENT WITH THREE GALLONS OF GAS  
AND FOUR HOURS LATER, THERE'S NOTHING LEFT BUT ASH  
SLUMLORD DOESN'T CARE, SLUMLORD DOESN'T CARE  
THE NEWSPAPER'S ALL READ, "FORTY DIE IN THE BLAZE"  
SLUMLORD NOW THINKS THAT CRIME REALLY PAYS  
AND TWO YEARS LATER, A SKYSCRAPER APPEARS  
WITH A PLAQUE IN THE MEMORY OF THE FORTY THAT DIED HERE  
SLUMLORD DOESN'T CARE, SLUMLORD DOESN'T CARE

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