

Runs In the Family

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Advisory - the following lyrics contain explicit language:

My friend has problems with winter and autumn
They give him prescriptions, they shine bright lights on him
They say its genetic, they say he cant help it
They say you can catch it but sometimes youre born with it
My friend has blight, he gets shakes in the night
And they say there is no way that they could have caught it in
Time takes its toll on him, it is traditional
It is inherited predispositional
All day Ive been wondering what is inside of me
Who can I blame for it, I say
It runs in the family, this famine that carries me
To such great lengths to open my legs up to anyone wholl have me
It runs in the family, I come by it honestly
Do what you want cause who knows it might fill me up
Me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up
Fill me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up
My friends depressed, shes a wreck, shes a mess
Theyve done all sorts of tests
And they guess it has something to do
With her grandmothers grandfathers grandmother
Civil war soldiers who badly infected her
My friend has maladies, rickets, and allergies
That she dates back to the seventeenth century
Somehow she manages in her misery
Strips in the city and shares all her best tricks with
I mean well, I'm well, well, Im mean I'm in hell
Well, I still have my health, at least thats what they tell me
If wellness is this what in hells name is sickness?
But business is business and business runs in the family
We tend to bruise easily, bad in the blood
Im telling you cause I just want you to know me
Know me and my family, were wonderful folks but
Dont get too close to me cause you might knock me up
Me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up
Knock me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up
Mary, have mercy, now look what Ive done
But dont blame me because I cant tell where I come from
And running is something that weve always done well
And mostly I cant even tell what Im running from
Run from their pity, from responsibility
Run from the country and run from the city
I can run from the law, I can run from myself
I can run for my life, I can run into debt
I can run from it all, I can run till Im gone

I can run for the office and run from the cause
I can run using every last ounce of energy
I cannot, I cannot, I cannot run from my family
They're hiding inside of me, corpses on ice
Come in if you'd like but just don't tell my family
They'd never forgive me, they'll say that I'm crazy
But they would say anything if it would shut me up, shut me up
Shut me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me
up, me up, me up
Shut me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up, me up

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