The Worst Pies in London

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A customerWait, what's your rush? What's your hurry?

You gave me such a fright, I thought you was a ghost

Half a minute can't you sit? Sit you down, sit

All I meant is that I haven't seen a customer for weeksDid you come here for a pie, sir?

Do forgive me if me head's a little vague

What is that? But you'd think we had the plague

From the way that people keep avoiding, no, you don't Heaven knows I try, sir

But there's no one comes in even to inhale

Right you are, sir, would you like a cup of ale?

Mind you I can hardly blame themThese are probably the worst pies in London

I know why nobody cares to take them

I should know, I make them, but good? No

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Even that's polite, the worst pies in London

If you doubt it take a biteIs that just, disgusting? You have to concede it

It's nothing but crusting, here drink this, you'll need it

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And no wonder with the price of meatWhat it is when you get it

Never thought I'd live to see the day

Men'd think it was a treat, finding poor animals

What are dying in the streetMrs. Mooney has a pie shop

Does a business, but I notice something weird

Lately all her neighbors cats have disappeared

Have to hand it to her, what I calls enterprise

Popping pussies into piesWouldn't do in my shop

Just the thought of it's enough to make you sick

And I'm telling you them pussycats is quick

No denying times is hard, sirEven harder than the worst pies in London

Only lard and nothing more

Is that just revolting? All greasy and gritty?

It looks like it's molting and tastes like, well, pity

A woman alone with limited windAnd the worst pies in London

Sir, times is hard, times is hard

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