## **Cleaning Man**

## **Love As Laughter**

I was the cleaning man
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Listened to the radio play 'Cowgirl in the Sand'
When I was the cleaning manI was the cleaning man

After everyone had come

To talk and drink and dance

I could see the evening scene reflecting in the cansNow echoes of the empty room return with loneliness

And in the darkness of the night

I take the devil's hand

When I was the cleaning manI was death's hand

I was heroin

To somebody I shouldn't have beenI was heroin

I was death's hand

I was the thief who stole all those women and men

I stood at the funerals of relatives and friends

And like a Midas eye wishing my greed and curse would endWhen I was the cleaning man

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