

Miserere

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Do you ever look around
turn your ear to the ground
show your face to the sky
on a night when the skies echo sounds
from inside of your mind
on the stage that you shone
where the sun did become you
and move with your thoughts
through the sighs and the scenes
of the worlds you have seen
and the sights that have been
your reflection in shadows and dreams?
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Did you ever see a man
who did walk down the street
white robe with no shoes on his feet
and on top of his head place a box with two slits
and the sign from his neck said
?I do not exist?
or a woman who could not remember her name
did stutter and stutter
again and again
and saw you and called you her son
her eyes said
?my being is gone
but still I?m not dead??

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Have you ever seen a sound
have you listened to an image
have you ever touched a thought
have you ever tasted nothing
have you ever told a lie
that was true more than truth
because truth it had lied
all its life when it spoke to you?
And what did it say

it is that it is this
this goes here here is there
it is not yes it is
it was dulling your senses
your eyes they were bound
have you ever my friends
been looking around?

And the other replies
with a wave of a hand
I am already here
in this promised land
but not by a god and not by a king
and not by a spirit
deep from within
I am here
because a miracle's a whim
it's a flash of glory
it's an empty tin
and maybe might lets you in
not to save you
but to keep on looking-

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Have you ever
been so happy that you're sad?
that the lights turn to stars
and the stars become eyes
and hello's are goodbye's
and the laughs are the sigh's
and the show disappears with the note
?until next time?

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