

Ebony And Ivy

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Ocre, ivy, brick, and leather bound books built up by heavy lock crooks with unburdened minds of bastardized
Darwinian logic projected as hard evidence on backs and faces of our ancestral culprits wasted, toiling as a
majority on plantated crime
We wanna knock and climb strings [?] and build our own hot breath kingdoms and make
humane passions rain down
ash then hand out dirty white rules to wipe up and memorize then howl our own law
hand-me-downs upon the class of masses and grin as each graduate passes on our synthesized words that
sterilize natural awe
Seed grows on the mountain
You can dig it with a silver spoon
Float it off to market
Hawk and talk it from hot-air balloons Get your good old-fashioned learning
Hear the bell in summers
Ending underneath the apple tree
Time to choose a branch
And build your nest of animosity
Now we're really, really learning
It's been hard to grow outside
Growing good, and act happy And pretend that the ivy vines
Didn't weigh our branch down
It's been hard to grow outside
But we're finally happy Where the sage on the mountain now
Is a plant or animal
Seeds grow on the mountain
Round the fountain of unfiltered truth Someone's [?] might contaminate their point-of-view
And the taste of high-class feelings
Peeking through the keyhole
Festive people watch the mastery
One degree of kneeling separates the heads from loving need
And the art of low class feeling
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Finally. Ochre, ivy, brick, and leather-bound books to find and fill our minds with

double-standard visions by degrees we banish, slaving over someone else's questions
test their problems and abolish all unsavory and good grammar and forbid shovels,
picking their hammers, and the act of starching linen to become the educated ones
wrapped in them

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