

Minstrel in the Gallery

Jethro Tull

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He met the gazes, observed the spaces
Between the old men's cackleHe brewed a song of love and hatred
Oblique suggestions and he waited
He polarized the pumpkin-eaters
Static-humming, panel-beaters
Freshly day, glowed factory cheaters
Salaried and collar-scrubbingHe titillated men of action
Belly warming, hands still rubbing
On the parts they never mention
He pacified the nappy-suffering
Infant-bleating, one-line jokers
TV documentary makers, overfed and undertakersSunday paper, backgammon players
Family-scarred and women-haters
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