Beastie

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From early days of infancy, through trembling years of youth

Long murky middle age and final hours long in the tooth

Here's the hundred names of terror, creature you love the least

Picture his name before you and exorcise the beastHe roved up and down through history, spectre with tales to tell

In the darkness when the campfire's dead, to each his private hell
If you look behind your shoulder as you feel his eyes to feast
You can witness now the everchanging nature of the beastBeastie, beastie, beastie, beastieIf you wear a warmer sporran, you can keep the foe at bay

You can pop those pills and visit some psychiatrist who'll say
"There's nothing I can do for you, everywhere's a danger zone
I'd love to help get rid of it but I've got one of my own"

Beastie, there's a beast upon my shoulder

Beastie, and a fiend upon my back

Beastie, feel his burning breath a-heaving

Beastie, smoke oozing from his stackAnd he moves beneath the covers

Beastie, or he lies below the bed

Beastie, he's the beast upon your shoulder

Beastie, and he's the price upon your headHe's the lonely fear of dying and for some of living too He's your private nightmare pricking, he'd just love to turn the screw

So stand as one defiant, yes and let your voices swell

Stare that beastie in the face and really give him hellBeastie, there's a beast upon my shoulder

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Look out, look out

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