

# Where Next Columbus?

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Marx had an idea from the confusion of his head  
Then there were a thousand more waiting to be led  
    The books are sold, the quotes are bought  
    You learn them well and then you're caught  
        Another's left, another's right  
        Another's peace, another's fight  
Mussolini had ideas from the confusion of his heart  
Then there were a thousand more waiting to play their part  
    The stage was set, the costumes worn  
    And another empire of destruction born  
        Another's name, another's aim  
        Another's fall, another's fame  
Jung had an idea from the confusion of his dream  
Then there were a thousand more waiting to be seen  
    You're not yourself, the theory says  
    But I can help, your complex pays  
        Another's hope, another's game  
        Another's loss, another's gain  
Sartre had an idea from the confusion of his brain  
Then there were a thousand more indulging in his pain  
    Revelling in isolation and existential choice  
    Can you truly be alone when you use another's voice?  
        Another's lies, another's truth  
        Another's doubt, another's proof  
        The idea born in someone's mind  
        Is nurtured by a thousand blind  
        Anonymous beings, vacuous souls  
    Do you fear the confusion, your lack of control?  
        You lift your arm to write a name  
        So caught up in the identity game  
        Who do you see? Who do you watch?  
        Who's your leader? Which is your flock?  
        Who do you watch? Who do you watch?  
        Who's your leader? Which is your flock?  
Einstein had an idea from the confusion of his knowledge  
Then there were a thousand more turning to advantage  
    They realised that their god was dead  
    So they reclaimed power through the bomb instead  
        Another's code, another's brain

They'll shower us all in deadly rain  
Jesus had an idea from the confusion of his soul  
Then there were a thousand more waiting to take control  
The guilt is sold, forgiveness bought  
The cross is there as your reward  
Another's love, another's pain  
Another's pride, another's shame  
Do you watch at a distance from the side you have chosen?  
Whose answers serve you best? Who'll save you from confusion?  
Who will leave you an exit and a comfortable cover  
Who will take you oh so near the edge, but never drop you over?  
Who do you watch?

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