## **PALE HORSE**

## **John Vanderslice**

From the haunts of daily life Where is waged the daily strife Common wants and common cares Cuts the human heart with tearsRise like lions after a slumberin' In greatly unknowable numbersLet the tyrants pour around With apocalyptic sound On the charge of iron wheels And the crash of horses heelsRise like lions after a slumberin' In greatly unknowable numbers Free the blood that must ensue We are many and they are fewFrom the workhouse and the prison Pale as corpses newly risen Knives are drawn now let them see Standing tall that say they're freeYour strong and simple words Set to wound as sharpened swords Wide as targets let them be With their shade to cover meRise like lions after a slumberin' In greatly unknowable numbers

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