

Life in Marvelous Times

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Bright moments

Bright moments always come back vividThe fifth great was epic citywide test pressure

The pre-crack era

Mr Schollmen, what a prick

Attitude matches wardrobe, uglier than sinThis is Bed-Stuy '82

Ninth floor, three tiny rooms, one view

Buck-town, Roosevelt house

They green grass is green, our green grass is brownShots rang, my phone wasn't touchtone

A heavy beef in the street, ET had to flee

Gray heavens, good grief

Hungry bellies, bright gold on they teethThe windows on the Ave look like sad eyes

They fix a sharp gaze on you when you pass by

And if you dare to stand, you can see 'em cry

You can watch 'em scowl, feel 'em prowlWildin' steady sizing every inch about you

Fast math measuring what you amount to

The laughter, the screams

The numeral, the song of psalms, the book of dreamsEnds don't meet where the arms can't reach mean streets

Even when it's free it ain't cheap

On going saga, terminal diagnosis

Basic survival requires super heroicsNo space in the budget for a cake

It's when you gotta fly by night to save the dayCrash landings routinely happen

Some survive, others never rise from the ashes

Watching asphalt and observing the Sabbath

Creates an ecstatic and there you have itFrom teenage love praying in tongue

Strange fruit, batty boots and native drums

From hence I come, so here we go

Signs and wonders all along the roadSome lies open, some lies close

Some stretchers role with no lies at all

Some riders don't know what they riding for

Hands on the wheel and their mind is goneWherever you ride, whatever your name

This raw cold life is a beautiful thing

And we are alive in amazing times

Delicate hearts, diabolical mindsRevelations, hatred, love and war

And more and more and more and more

And more of less than ever before

It's just too much more for your mind to absorbIt's scary like hell but there's no doubt

We can't be alive in no time but nowIt's just a sure shot to the heart

It's just a sure shot in the dark

It's just another place in the star

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Life in marvelous time, life in marvelous time Right, everywhere all over the world

You can feel it, all over the world

Feel it, feel it rise everywhere It's just a sure shot to the heart

It's just a sure shot in the dark

It's just another place in the star

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Life in marvelous time, life in marvelous time

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