River Rat Jimmy

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Drums are still playing I can see them marching close This he walks like a shadow And that he dances like a ghost The one that looks like Jimmy, Lord he scares me the most River Rat Jimmy and JehosophatPlaying boyhood mumblypeg A six inch bowie blade Out the top my redwing kickers And down a muddy slippery grade To the fever pitch savannah where grand daddy lay River Rat Jimmy and JehosophatLittle Jimmy ghostie face Ate off the kitchen floor Cause woman-Mum threw dinner plates At drunken Dad on the door He would cop his cans of beer And close his eyes and soar River Rat Jimmy and JehosophatShouting revelation out A boychild man of ten Never looking up to heaven Lord it was heaven there and then And we wrapped our bloodied fingers like a shine-eyed mister zen River Rat Jimmy and Jehosophat Sho-ly, sho-ly

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