

Cockburn Bruce

"Feast Of Fools"

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At the feast of fools
humour can sometimes be cruel
but under certain conditions
you have to forget the rules

At the feast of fools
everybody has a voice
nobody goes to the bottom
except by their own choice

It's time for the silent criers to be held in love
it's time for the ones who dig graves for them to get
that final shove
it's time for the horizons of the universe to be glimpsed
even by the faceless kings of corporations
it's time for chaos to win and walk off with the prize
which turns out to be nothing.

At the feast of fools
outlaws can all come home
you can wear any disguise you want
but you'll be naked past the bone

At the feast of fools
people's hands weave light
there is a diamond wind
flowering in the darkest night

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which turns out to be (a big fat) nothing.

It's time for the singers of songs without hope to take a
hard look and start from scratch again
It's time for these headlights racing against
inescapable dark to be just forgotten
It's time for Harlequin to leap out of the future into the

midst of a world of dancers
It's time for us all to stand hushed in the cathedral of
silence waiting at the river's end.

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