

## Clash "Ghetto Defendant"

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*[/ - Allen Ginsberg lyrics]*

/ do the worm on the accropolis  
/ slamdance the cosmopolis  
/ enlighten the populace

hungry darkness of living  
who will thirst in the pit?  
/ hooked in metropolis  
she spent a lifetime deciding  
how to run from it  
/ addicts of metropolis  
once fate had a witness  
and the years seemed like friends  
/ girlfriends  
her babies can dream  
but dreams begin like the end  
/ shot into eternity  
/ methadone kitty  
/ iron serenity

ghetto defendant  
it is heroin pity  
not tear gas nor baton charge  
that stops you taking the city

/ strung out committee  
walled out of the city  
clubbed down from uptown  
sprayed pest from the nest  
run out to barrio town  
/the guards are itchy  
forced to watch at the feast  
then sweep up the night

flipped pieces of coin  
/ broken bottles  
exchanged for birthright  
/ grafted in a jiffy

/ strung out committee  
/ sitting pretty

/ graphed in a jiffy  
/ no pity, pretty

the ghetto prince of gutter poets  
was bounced out of the room  
/ jean arthur rimbaud  
by the bodyguards of greed  
for disturbing the tomb  
/ 1873

his words like flamethrowers  
/ paris commune  
burnt the ghettos in their chests  
his face was painted whiter  
and he was laid to rest  
/ died in marseille  
/ buried in charleville  
/ shut up

soap floods oil in water  
all churn in the wake  
on the great ship of progress  
the crew can't find the brake  
klaxons are blaring  
the admiral snores command  
submarines boil in oceans  
while the armies fight with suns

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