

## **Divine Comedy**

### **"Middle-Class Heroes"**

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(Hello, what have we here?)  
(A young lady!)  
(To what do I owe this pleasant surprise my pretty one?)  
(How may I be of service this dark and wintry night?)  
(Ah, I see... you wish me to look into the future, your future)  
(After GCSEs, A-levels, University...)  
(After your first badly paid job in advertising)  
(Okay my pretty... just cross my palm with plastic, and I'll see what I can do)  
(Wait!)  
(The fog is lifting...)  
I see oriental paper globes  
hanging like decomposing cocoons  
While exotic candles overload  
the musty air with their stale perfumes  
And I see lentils, beans, seaweed and rice  
in jars on the window-sill  
And it ain't hardly enough to feed the mice  
running behind the lines of allergy pills  
All these things will come to pass  
when heroes of the middle-class  
face up to their responsibilities  
I see an Indian fertility god  
he's got thirty seven limbs to spare  
And tasteless tie-dyed tablecloths  
that double up as evening wear

And I see naked bodies twist and turn  
on the futon of dreams fulfilled  
But their three-year-old kid seems unconcerned  
He'd rather swallow all those allergy pills  
All these things will come to pass  
when heroes of the middle-class  
face up to their responsibilities  
I see unspeakable vulgarity  
institutionalised mediocrity  
infinite tragedy  
Rise up little souls - join the doomed army  
Fight the good fight - wage the unwinnable war

Elegance against ignorance  
Difference against indifference  
Wit against shit  
My words fly up to heaven, my thoughts remain below  
Words said without feeling never to heaven go...  
All these things will come to pass  
when heroes of the middle-class  
face up, repent, and pay the price  
for accidentally creating life  
An oversight for which they must atone  
and sacrifice their own

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