

## Don Mclean "Homeless Brother"

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I was walking by the graveyard, late last Friday night,  
I heard somebody yelling, it sounded like a fight.  
It was just a drunken hobo dancing circles in the night,  
Pouring whiskey on the headstones in the blue  
moonlight.  
So often have I wondered where these homeless  
brothers go,  
Down in some hidden valley were their sorrows cannot  
show,  
Where the police cannot find them, where the wanted  
men can go.  
There's freedom when your walking, even though  
you're walking slow.  
Smash your bottle on a gravestone and live while you  
can,  
That homeless brother is my friend.  
It's hard to be a pack rat, it's hard to be a 'bo,  
But living's so much harder where the heartless people  
go.  
Somewhere the dogs are barking and the children  
seem to know  
That Jesus on the highway was a lost hobo.  
And they hear the holy silence of the temples in the hill,  
And they see the ragged tatters as another kind of  
thrill.  
And they envy him the sunshine and they pity him the  
chill,  
And they're sad to do their living for some other kind of  
thrill.  
Smash your bottle on a gravestone and live while you  
can,  
That homeless brother is my friend.  
Somewhere there was a woman, somewhere there was  
a child,  
Somewhere there was a cottage where the marigolds  
grew wild.  
But some where's just like nowhere when you leave it  
for a while,  
You'll find the broken-hearted when you're travelling  
jungle-style.  
Down the bowels of a broken land where numbers live  
like men,

Where those who keep their senses have them taken  
back again,  
Where the night stick cracks with crazy rage, where  
madmen don't  
Pretend,  
Where wealth has no beginning and poverty no end.  
Smash your bottle on a gravestone and live while you  
can,  
That homeless brothe

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