

Faithfull Marianne

"Bring My Family Back"

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I'm on Lonely Street age nearly three
Recently Mama's cryin all the time is it because of me
Or my younger sister, even Dad was weeping when he
kissed her
Face all Puffy like a blister, cryin' like he missed her
Since we moved away from the house where we used to
play
They say I'll understand one day, but I doubt it, Mama
never say nothin' about it
How'd it get to be so crowded
I found it a strain, everywhere I look I see pain
And I can't escape the feelin', maybe I'm to blame
So I strain to listen, prayin' for a decision, wishin'
they were kissin'
This feels like extradition or exile, Mama finds it hard
to smile
So I make pretend cups of coffee in her favourite style
She says child I'm working so there's nothing you lack
But she know I want my Dad, I want my family back

I'm on Lonely Street, age forty-three
Couldn't gauge when to quit so my wife quit me
Took offence, took the kids, I wish that was the end
But before she took her leave she took care of my best
friend
Workin' all the hours God send was not the tactic
Y'see cuz after ten years I'm left with jackshit
Wanted to make the cash Quik so I used to work real late
Bad sex, My woman's vex, even if I stay awake
And if I'm honest, I had a little cake at the office
I was eatin' We'd do our cheatin over coffees, makin'
tea for the bosses
Makin free with me and I agree I got sleazy too easily
But I'm forty-three, this doesn't usually happen to me
Now I'm lonely, I wonder what my son's doing today
Suddenly I'm blinkin' like the screen on my computer
display and I'm drinkin'
Concerned about what's down the track if I don't get
my family back

I'm on Lonely Street, number fifty-three

Boarded up properly, I'll probably get pulled down
Litter all around inside there's no sound and no light
But yo it gets busy at night, people creppin'
Derelicts sneakin' to fix, speakin'
On the way my timbers creaking', roof leakin'
And bricks comin' loose, knee high in refuse
But even though I'm a slum I'm still of some use
There was a time when my walls were decorated
And under my roof children were educated
But now paint's faded, windows are all smashed
A crash in the economy robbed me of my family And no
strategy
combats negative equitiy so that's it. Like violence it's
drastic
I'm freaking', and seekin' to be more than just a house
of crack
somebody bring my family back

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