

## **Fatima Mansions**

# **"Lady Godiva's Operation"**

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([??])  
("Get your fingers in.")

Lady Godiva, dressed so demurely  
pats the head of another curly-haired boy  
A spurting pink toy  
Sick with silence, she weeps sincerely  
Saying words that have all so clearly been said ("You  
will do--")  
so long ago ("--what I tell you.")

[...]

Here today now and dipped in the water  
Making love to every poor daughter's son  
Isn't it fun?  
"Doctor is coming," the nurse thinks SWEETLY  
Turning on the machines that NEATLY PUMPS AIR  
("Make the incision at the base of the skull.")  
The body lies bare

("I want you to think of me as someone you can come  
to with your problems.")

Shaved and hairless, what once was SCREAMING  
now lies silent and almost sleeping  
The brain must have got away  
Strapped securely to the white table  
Beneath the gauze the body will wither and writhe  
underneath the white light

Doctor arrives with knife and baggage  
Sees the growth as just so much cabbage ("Take the  
bone saw--")  
that must now be cut away ("--and cut around the  
perimeter.")  
Now comes the moment of great, great decision  
Doctor is making the first incision  
One goes here and one goes there  
"Ether tubes are leaking", says someone who's sloppy  
Patient, it seems, is not so well sleeping  
The screams echo up the hall

Don't panic, someone give him pentathol instantly  
Doctor removes the blade cagily so from the brain  
By my count of ten--the head won't move  
("And there you have it, ladies and gentlemen--the  
human brain.")

Haaaaa!! Here we go, everybody!!  
All you fucking bastards!! Yeah!! Haha!!  
Oh, oh, Lady Godiva  
My queen of the killing floor  
Oh, oh, Lady Godiva  
[...?] in a butcher store  
La la la la...

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