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G. Love & Special Sauce "City Bum"

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Its a cold night said the city bum With a blanket on his shoulder Sitting by the delaware And the damp air gets colder Morning is not even close Thats when the church doors open The night is long lonely night But still he's not alone

When I was young look above The heavens game me hope and spirit Having lost my job and my true love This bottle gives me spirit

Here this says the policeman Kicking him from his warm grate No bums here curse his soul The cop was shot later that night on patrol Morning comes And the church was open But it was full There was no hoping For some food or hot coffee To greet this bitter day

In winter time Spare some change the businessman Spat and walked away Later on in the businessmans day His money was gone when his wallet misplaced A cabbie passed mean and fast Pushed a horn and gave a blast Sprayed the bum with dirty slush The bum was angry but he stayed hush Two blocks later the cabbie rushed The red light flashed The city bus smashed the cab against the pole The cab was gone and the cabbie was crushed Day was fading and night came on The shelters for nowhere is home

The bum cries lonesome tears

Tasted stale and bitter like beer

When he reached his cache His blankets were gone Stolen away The bum cried more tears The night grew old He shivered still Drew one more breath I heard him moan He passed that night at five am The night was four below zero The coldest night of the season Without reason his blankets were stolen A gypsy girl of fourteen sensed a strange eruption In a crystal ball as clear as day She watched a thief walk away With two warm blankets underneath the bridge He fell asleep the last deed he did The thief in a rest rolled off a ledge And drowned in a frozen cold

The gypsy girl she looked again Into her crystal ball She seen the bum take one last breath He died and let his hair fall Knowing the truth all powerful Yet unsuspecting man That same man Thiefed upon, robbed upon, spat upon Gone for all eternity The gypsy girl curses society The poor old bum A burden and a bother Was my only father

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