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Gentle Giant "The Runaway / Experience"

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1. The Runaway

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He is the runaway, Lie low the wanted man Mask his elusive face, Soon he will getaway and free is his future no more aimless time to spend And evading, he's escaping Four dirty walls and a bed in a cage his home no more.

Run in the Underwood, Cover and hide the trail Senses like sharpened sword, Guards for the shadow on his tail.

And yet his joy is empty and sad.

All thoughts are scarred with the prison cell and freedom seems like freedom's hell Hopes stained with strange regret, His dreams are dreams for that he cannot get.

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Lose all identity, Vanish in own denial Seeks only lies and hide, Truth never brought to trial. And caught in his own net, he looks to find endless life and evading, he's escaping Four dirty walls and a bed in a cage his home no more.

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2. Experience

Once I was a boy, an innocent to life and my role in it, This world played my game, and anyone a clown or foil for myself

The harmless affairs, and no-one seemed to care for any meaning My life was my own, The debt I paid, I paid it only to myself

The unseeing youth, how can it be so shallow and shortsighted These years passed me by, to realise the folly of these unripe years

Now I am a man, I realise My unworldly sins pained many lives Yet I heard, heard with ears that wouldn't listen And still I watched and I saw with blinkered eyes

But with age the conscience slowly dawns and bonds of duty gently tied All my sins, seen through now there is experience and recollecting act in virgin guise.

Master inner voices, making the choices

Once I could rebel and consequences then had no reflection And I am a man, And I am bound by adult age discretion now

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