

## IAMX "Oh Beautiful Town"

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I grew up blind just like everyone's child  
In the warmth of milk and deceit  
Smothered by love and the chemical dust  
There was never enough to believe  
They chewed me up, they spat me out  
Of their system and onto their street  
And the rest of my life was a spring to forget  
All the greatness that could never be

Oh beautiful town  
I remember you blacker than night  
The whores and the sick-mouths, the bad taste  
And the neon lives  
Oh beautiful town  
Where are you now with your binge insecurities?  
I shut you down, beautiful town  
Because you tear your children  
Into pieces

Absence twisted with fondness  
Is the horror I couldn't forget  
Programmed in the great art

Of family lies and debts  
Too much expectation  
Followed by hope and then a hate in the mess  
And the rest of my life was a glorious test  
Of my will and my selfish neglect

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On the floor boards under insolent feet  
I mapped the hopscotch to my parents' retreat  
With a lavender bag in my hand

And words of desperation on my tongue  
Good night father, good night mother  
Are you still awake?

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