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### **"L'âge Idiot"**

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We lose our minds  
At twenty years  
When our  
Stomachs cramp  
With hunger  
When we believe  
That to cleanse  
Our hearts  
We only have  
To wash our hands  
We have eyes larger  
Than bellies  
Eyes larger  
Than our hearts  
When our hearts  
Should care so much  
And our eyes should be  
Full of dreams  
Across the fields of Armageddon  
Comes the thunder of the drums  
And the distant cry of bugles  
As we watch the setting sun  
And prepare to face the night  
In our freezing barracks

We lose our minds at thirty years  
When our stomachs start to spread  
When our stomachs take control  
And eat away our hearts  
When our eyelids grow so heavy  
When the eyes mark off the hours  
We realise that now, at thirty  
The countdown begins at last  
And all the old men  
In their caverns  
Who treat God as a fool  
Each evening light great fires  
They rub together women's hearts  
We start to feel  
We have been damaged  
By our years in those barracks

We lose our minds at sixty years  
When our stomachs roll with fat  
When our stomachs swell so much  
They almost crush our hearts  
When our eyes run out of tears  
And are lost in drifts of snow  
When our eyes lose all their power  
When our eyes can fight no more  
And all we feel for those we love  
Is patience as we wait  
For the old to return home  
Or for the young to leave  
And we return to the protection  
Of the barracks

We finally lose our minds in death  
Like our stomachs, cold and rotting  
Our lips now sewn together  
Our hands laid out to guard the heart  
At last our eyes are opened wide  
But unable now to see  
Alone in darkness we decay  
Lost for always to all light  
The golden age lies beyond hell  
Where no wealth can buy our freedom  
Once more we're as the unborn child  
Within the belly of the Earth  
Our golden age is when we sleep  
In our final barracks

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