

## Portal "Back In The Day"

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I was in - I led with grace, with head held high, a  
captivating charm, authority  
I was pure - well I stood for truth when all was lost, if  
only for the slim minority  
I was change - dissenting views, dissident sights, no  
room for fair, no mediocrity  
I was good - you'd look to me to right the world outside  
and I'd deliver

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Back in the day my trails were blazed in steel  
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I could see - my visionary views were sought,  
progressive outlooks on society  
I could feel - my gut was solid, cold as stone, a  
consequence of loyal piety  
I could change - adapt and compromise, evolve - laugh  
in the face of your anxieties  
My memory's not what it used to be, but hon' it drives  
my ego

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Too late, I've sealed my own fate.  
Can sheer denial bring this beast back home?  
Can I stay true, straight, but yield my whole faith?  
Defy everything I've ever known?

Like a fad, I'll wake one day to find my limelight faded  
low - subdued sobriety  
Like a craze, I'll watch my withered seams and ties  
grow indistinct, freed of variety  
Like a man, the lines run deep, now drawn and frail, a  
life soon lost unto antiquity  
Like a state, immortal words, forgotten wisdoms  
eulogized and clichéing

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