

## Romane Serda

### "Hymn"

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(I have no patience left for the Catholic Church. For those who  
Do, it is my hope that you will not compromise yourselves but  
Will aggressively work towards bringing them into the 20th  
Century.)  
If there's something to be learned  
From examining the past  
It's that institutions change  
Or else they do not last  
Now you are such a dinosaur  
In the ancient ways you think  
And if you do not soon adapt  
You too will be extinct  
I believe that Christ's intention  
Many centuries ago  
Was to serve and to enlighten  
And to guide our spiritual growth  
But the latest word from Rome  
Is not a loving one at all  
If Jesus walked on earth today  
I think he'd be appalled  
Now the priesthood's quickly shrinking  
But you won't let women in  
And instead of teaching safer sex  
You condemn it as a sin  
You deny all women the right  
To decide their bodies' fate  
Suggesting that their purpose here  
Is just to procreate  
You say that gays and lesbians  
Are fallen from God's grace  
And tacitly you sanction  
All the violence that we face  
You distort the Bible's words  
To support your platitudes  
But bigotry is not  
A very Christian attitude  
Now as for reformation  
I have very little hope

But if you think it can be done  
Go and tell it to the Pope  
'Cause the clergy and parishioners  
Who are still inside the closet  
Support this persecution  
Even if they do not cause it

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