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David J "This Vicious Cabaret"

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They say that there's a broken light for every heart on Broadway.

They say that life's a game, then they take the board

They give you masks and costumes and an outline of the

Story

Then leave you all to improvise their vicious Cabaret...

In no-longer-pretty cities there are fingers in Kitties.

There are warrants, forms, and chitties and a jackboot On the stair.

Sex and death and human grime, in monochrome for one

Thin dime.

But at least the trains all run on time but they don't Go anywhere.

Facing their Responsibilities either on their backs or On their knees

There are ladies who just simply freeze and dare not Turn away

And the widows that refuse to cry will be dressed in Garter and bow-tie

And be taught to kick their legs up high in this Vicious cabaret.

At last! The 1998 Show!

The ballet on the burning stage.

The documentary see

Upon the fractured screen

The dreadful poem scrwled upon the crumpled page...

There's a policeman with an honest soul that has seen Whose head is on the pole

And he grunts and fills his briar bowl with a feeling Of unease.

But he briskly frisks the torn remains for a

Fingerprint or crimson stains

And endevours to ignore the chins that he walks in to His knees.

While his master in the dark nearby inspects the hands, With a brutal eye,

That have never brushed a lover's thigh but have

Squeezed a nation's throat.

But he hungers in his secret dreams for the harsh Embrace of cruel machines

But his lover is not what she seems and she will not Leave a note.

At last! The 1998 Show!
The Situation Tragedy
Grand Opera slick with soap
Cliffhangers with no hope
The water-colour in the flooded gallery...

There's a girl who'll push but not shove and is Desperate for her father's love She believes the hand beneath the glove maybe one

she Needs to hold.

Though she doubts her hosts moralities she decides she

Is more at ease

In the Land Of Doing What You Please than outside in The cold.

But the backdrop's peel and the sets give way and the Cast gets eaten by the play

There's a murderer at the Matinee, there are dead men In the aisles

And the patrons and actors too are uncertain if the Show is through

And with side-long looks await their cue but the frozen Mask just smiles.

At last! The 1998 Show!

The torch-song no one ever sings

The curfew chorus line

The comedy divine

The bulging eyes of puppets strangled by their strings

There's thrills and chills and girls galore, sing-songs And surprises

There's something hear for everyone, (reserve your seat

Today)

There's mischief and malarkies but no queers or yids or

Darkies

Within this bastard's carnival, this vicious cabaret.

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