

## Stuart Davis

### "Only Changing Drugs"

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I had my stomach pumped two times my senior year  
which earned the approbation of all my plastered peers  
Now I do my weekly bleeding at trendy AA meetings  
I was a social monster, but now I serve my sponsor

I choke out cliché confessions, I suck down coffee black  
I chain smoke cigarettes between handfuls of Prozac  
Man, am I one sober stallion - I just got my first  
medallion  
My higher power drugged me, I'm letting strangers  
hug me

Now I really crave a meeting, all those soothing empty  
greetings  
The Big Book is omniscient and I'm not self-sufficient  
Dependency's still coursing through my blood, I'm only  
changing drugs

Self help study, twelve step program, which hollow  
slogan was it?  
"We Found Serenity" in "Day by Day" or "Easy Does It"?  
Plant that affirmation seed, our license plates should  
read  
"Ten thousand lakes and treatment centers,  
Betty Ford's our statewide mentor"

They say the devil's in the details of this cunning,  
baffling habit  
I poured out all my Nyquil, I flushed my Sine-Aid tablets  
'Don't take others' inventory, 'Thanks for sharing' your  
sick story  
If I bluff I know they'll call it, cause 'I'm Stuart, I'm an  
alcoholic'

Dysfunction builds the strangest sages, quoting  
pointless daily phrases  
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It's a self perpetuating business, you can't cure a

lifelong sickness  
Hazelden cleaned out my parents, but my stay was  
fourteen carat  
Inner peace is what we seek at fifteen hundred bucks a  
week

Treatment's just a new psychosis, need and weakness  
through hypnosis  
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