

## **Jamie Notarthomas**

### **"Minus One"**

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In a closet in a box, you can't hide nothing from a kid  
When his dad went off to the football game  
Guess what that kid did?  
Last week it was lighting hairspray, this week he found  
a gun  
He was trying to be like Rambo when he pushed on it  
with his thumb  
Now the news says it's the father's fault, and the father  
blames the son  
And the N.R.A. is doing everything to protect the stupid  
gun  
But when all is said, nothing's done  
Life goes on... Minus One  
I was walking through Columbus Circle when I saw two  
street bums  
One of them was just lying there lifeless in the sun  
Upon closer inspection, I discovered he was dead  
The other bum reached over, grabbed the bottle from  
under his head  
I looked at him puzzled, he just looked back and  
grinned  
Then said, "Someday I want to be just like him"  
He took a sip of that whiskey, then offered me some  
He said, "Life goes on... Minus One."  
Now Charles Manson's just an argument the politicians  
use  
Like Hitler convinced his countrymen that it was good  
to kill the Jews  
Now down in Georgia there's a judge who supports the  
K.K.K.  
Who just sent another innocent black man to the  
electric chair today  
And while that judge sleeps the dirty work is done by a  
hired hand  
Who never saw or heard the witness or defendant on  
the stand  
The switch goes down, the deed is done  
Life goes on... Minus One  
Now if you're working in the nursing homes, you see it  
every day  
It's something you've got to get used to, there just ain't

no other way  
Now the people gather at the graveyard to hear the  
final words  
Of the Pastor's reinterpretation of something he once  
heard  
He prays, "Lord take her spirit and please take away  
our hurt"  
Then they lower down the coffin. The little boy throws  
the dirt  
"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done"  
Life goes on... Minus One

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