

Nick Cave & The Bad Seed

"Oh My Lord"

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I thought I'd take a walk today
It's mistake I sometimes make
Kids lay asleep in bed
My wife lay wide awake
Kissed her softly on the brow
I tried not to make a sound
But with stony eyes she looked at me
And then gently squeezed my hand

Call it a premonition, call it a crazy vision
Call it intuition, somethin' learned from mother
But when she looked up at me, I could clearly see
The Sword of Damocles hangin' directly above her

Oh Lord, oh my Lord
Oh Lord
Have I offended thee?
Wrap your tender arms around me
Oh Lord, oh Lord
Oh my Lord

They called at me through the fence
They were not makin' any sense
They claimed I'd lost the plot
Kept sayin' that I was not
The man I used to be
They held their babes aloft
Threw marshmallows at the security
And said that I'd grown soft

Call it intuition, call it a creeping suspicion
But their words of derision meant they hardly knew me
For even I could see, the way they stared at me
The spear of a destiny are stickin' on right through me

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Now I'm at the hairdressers
People watch me as they move past
A guy wearin' plastic antlers
Presses his bum against the glass
Now I'm down on my hands and knees
And it's so fuckin' hot
Someone cries, what are you lookin' for?
I scream, the plot, the plot

I grab my telephone, I call my wife at home
She screams, leave us alone, I say, hey, it's only me
The hairdresser with his scissors, he holds up the
mirror
I look back and shiver, I can't even believe what I can
see

Be mindful of the prayers you send
Pray hard but pray with care
For the tears you are cryin' now
Are just your answered prayers
Ladders of life we scale merrily
Move mysteriously around
So that when you think you're climbin' up, man
In fact you're climbin' down

Into the hollows of glamour, where with spikes and
hammer
With telescopic camera, they chose to turn the screw
Oh I hate them ma, oh I hate them, pa
Oh I hate them all for what they went and done to you

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