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Patty Larkin "Metal Drums"

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Metal Drums by Patty Larkin From the time he was a kid Mark O'Donnell and his buddies would Play in the pasture Out behind his neighborhood There were acres of vacant land And they played as only children can In the pasture

Out in the long tall grass Metal Drums were lying in the broken glass The kids would play with the stuff inside of them They'd crawl in and roll around End up spinning around on the summer ground Of the pasture

They were playing the Metal Drums Banging on the Metal Drums Beat that Metal Drum a little faster

In the town of Holbrook, Mass. You're lucky if you got the chance Working a good job, making a few bucks And it's Baird & McClair They run that chemical plant down there By the pasture

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Joanne O'Donnell had five kids All but one of her kids got sick She was hard pressed for answers And on the other side of town There was street where all the doctors found Every other woman died of cancer

They were playing the Metal Drums Banging on the Metal Drums

Beat that Metal Drum a little faster

News broke like a lightening bolt Across a red hot sky In the blue TV light Joanne O'Donnell cried Seemed like the kiss of death Hung in the air When a whole town found out They'd been poisoned for years

The environmental plan Put the site on the list of the Big Top Ten To the tune of 63 million Thanks to the women and the wives There's a chain link fence up eight feet high But that won't bring back their children

As for Baird & McClair All the soil from the ground to the bedrock down there Was ruined by the bastards Thanks to the corporate mind They protected their assets They're doing fine Too bad about the Holbrook disaster

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