

Philip Lynott "Ode to Liberty"

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The dream was not a vision
Or some premonition like we were told
It was no figment of the imagination
To prove that we could be bought or sold

The doctor of the diamond run
Could be revealed to the intelligent
But this is what I resent
Who cares for the ignorant, the intelligent

The cynics approach was mean
Who cares for anything
In this whole wide world
Except me

And this opinion must not confuse the issue
My appearance, my condition or state of delivery
I am stating the obvious
This is a protest

There must me a collusion
This is no Shakespearean speech
This is a statement
Made by one who can not practice what he preaches

The Statue of Liberty
Has engraved on its wall
'Give me your poor, give me your needy
Give me them all'

We need something like this
For this world to coexist
It would be so easy
To act so pretentious

To act as if it was hypocrisy
To act condescending
When in fact
It's the world we're mending

And that's why I can't relax
'Cause inside my coat it's a pistol that I pack

We must beware of a surprise nuclear attack
We must be ready to strike back

I'm not pretending
Our defenses need clearly mending
We must leave on standing

Forget the third world is ending
Is starving, is crying
Is desolate, is oh, so late

I would dearly love to return
Through a mirror in twenty years
And learn what the future
Has in store for us

And if I learned that we lost
And there was no hope
For those that fight

I would turn to drink
And drink is drugs
And drugs would help me sink

And like of boat, I float
Sail out to the sky
To the universe and back
Maybe to give it another try

I don't know why, why Jack
Just to confirm our Father
Just to learn, just to heal us

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