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## Almond Marc "The Days Of Pearly Spencer"

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A tenement, a dirty street

Walked and worn by shoeless feet

Inside it's long and so complete

Watched by a shivering sun

Old eyes in a small child's face

Watching as the shadows race

Through walls and cracks and leave no trace

And daylight's brightness shuns

The days of Pearly Spencer

The race is almost run

Nose pressed hard on frosted glass

Gazing as the swollen mass

On concrete fields where grows no grass

Stumbles blindly on

Iron trees smother the air

But withering they stand and stare

Through eyes that neither know nor care

Where the grass is gone

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The race is almost run

Pearly where's your milk white skin

What's that stubble on your chin It's buried in the rot gut gin You played and lost not won You played a house that can't be beat Now look your head's bowed in defeat You walked too far along the street Where only rats can run The days of Pearly Spencer The race is almost run The days of Pearly Spencer The race is almost run The race is almost run A tenement, a dirty street Remember worn and shoeless feet Remember how you stood to beat The way your life had gone So Pearly don't you shed more tears For those best forgotten years Those tenements are memories Of where you've risen from The days of Pearly Spencer The race is almost won

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