

Robyn Hitchcock "Clean Steve"

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man next door came round one night
to ask me for a drink
i said i didn't anymore
he said, 'that's what you think'
a tendril curled around his leg
as he got up to leave
he said, 'a friend of yours was here
but we all call him steve'
clean steve
clean steve
they don't come any dirtier than me
better watch out all you space cats
clean steve is a mineral man
my cousin bruce came round to stay
the father of my son
he tore apart a stethoscope
and pointed at the sun
'there's tentacles between our worlds,'
he said, 'so i believe'
i said, 'the man next door's best friend
was making videos with clean steve'
you could have knocked him down with a feather
clean steve lent me a pound
in nineteen seventy-four
that was a lot of money then
i was extremely poor
we had a party three years later
clean steve wore a robe

he brought a new nick lowe cassette
and played it in the road
clean steve
clean steve
they don't come any dirtier than me
better watch out all you space cats
clean steve is a mineral man
i called up mark ellen
but he wasn't really in
instead i talked to his wife claire
about some gigs she'd seen
clean steve was outside the house
watching both his feet

we all had dinner with him once
he gave us lots to eat
there's some real people in the world
and some who are pretend
clean steve is making videos
with the man next door's best friend
he's good at playing frisbee
and his teeth are shining bright
i think he comes from liverhead
if all my facts are right
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