

## Momus

### "The Ladies Understand"

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When I was a little whippersnapper of a boy just 19  
Years of age  
And I happened to stain the sheets on the bed or I  
Happened to misbehave  
The stains were lovingly washed away in a tub of soapy  
Water  
By the ladies I protected from a world of horrible  
Slaughter

But whenever a piece of ultraviolent thuggery is done  
And the world looks on with heart in mouth, speechless  
And stunned  
Remember that every offender is his own mother's son  
Here is the song that I have always sung:

"Give me mass in the morning, the bookie's at noon  
The brothel all night long  
But I'll always be true to the ladies, the ladies  
Understand  
I'm their favourite  
They love me, I treat them like... "

Then when at last I came of age and had to make my  
way  
I set up shop with a dozen girls, so popular was I  
I marched them up to the top of the town and there I  
Had them loiter  
There are many worse ways to earn your pay in a world  
Of horrible slaughter

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One of my girls did a runner one day with a lad from  
The orchestra  
Who scraped a living on a violin and stayed at home  
With Ma  
I ground his instrument into the ground and Tracy,  
when  
I caught her  
That time got off lightly tn this world of horrible  
Slaughter

Now I've got a little whippersnapper of my own just at  
The difficult age  
And if he happens to slash a girl to test his army  
Penknife blade  
The blood is lovingly washed away in a tub of soapy  
Water  
By the girls he may protect one day from a world of  
Horrible slaughter

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