

Shakespears Sister

"The System"

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It was like being a pavement stone
Together with many others yet on my own.
For we all were in rows
Waiting, waiting, noncommunicating.
Like waiting in the summer for the snow.
Like waiting in the desert for the river to flow.
You know you can beat water with a fin
With a hammer you can beat that tin
With Yeshua you can beat sin.
But can you beat the system?

I remember thinking
I'm starting to decay
When would we be served and on our way
Or would we stand all day.
Waiting, waiting, anticipating.
Like wanting a coat from a possum.
Like wanting an apple from a lovely blossom.
Yes we can replace the bulb that is broken
Replace quiet by being outspoken
Replace money with that special token.
But can you beat the system?

I felt just like a still standing tree
Because I was there from before seven
To all the way past eleven.
Waiting, waiting, contemplating.
Like waiting for the time to be killed
Like waiting for the desire to be completely
Fulfilled.
You know you can change the many for the few
You can change that old lie for what's true.
Change that red for the colour blue.
But can you change the system?

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