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"A Broken Promised Land"

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See the red "messiah" high upon a soap-box pulpit
Agitating his apostles with the gospels in his hand
While apprentice hitlers gather down in inner city
subways
To immortalise their ignorance with aerosol spray cans.
Life is the lesson - History our tutor
Learn from the past - preserve us a future.
So many causes I could die for - but I don't know which
is right
In this millenia of martyrs and injustices to fight
Why must brother kill his brother - when united they
should stand?
Men by swords and words divided in our broken
promised land.
These tattered battle standards fly - their colours do
not run
Unlike our tears that trickle down the decades soon to
come.
You promised us a "Golden Age" - we couldn't wait to
try it
But never told us of the blood we'd have to shed to buy
it!
Chorus:
We are brought forth with nothing we struggle for
nothing
And then unto nothing return.
Though their words have no meaning - to question
them: "Treason!"
Look back - watch the pages of history burn
Our Devil has two wings (both left wing and right)
They carry him far on this anarchic flight
'Til the fools of all nations now at his commmand
Bring darkness to once green (now unpleasant) lands.
The voices on your TV are like whispers in a dream
Someone else's nightmares in a place you've never
been
But the streets run red round Tianneman Square - and
the blood won't wash away
You don't recognise their faces - so young and dead
they stay.
You've never had to answer to the barrel of a gun
So how could you expect... (expect what was to come?)

In the troubled streets of Moscow - and in tenements in
Moss Side
There are people using silver tongues to turn
dissenting worms
How can the dissatisfaction of some left or right wing
faction
Hope to justify the bombs that burst - the innocents that
burn.
We move in vicious circles as we fan the fires of hate
And laugh as the 'Four Horsemen' clamour at the
starter's gate.
REPEAT CHORUS
Preserve us a future.

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