

Skyclad "A Dog In The Manger"

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2 A.M. a southbound junction - innocence takes flight
Common sense has lost all function - stranded in the
night.
The albatross has flown the nest - he's breaking family
ties
He recalls his mother weeping with her hands held to
her eyes.
His alcoholic father was too drunk to know or care
The rod not spared had spoiled this child - his only son
and heir.
The city lights have pulled him southward - magnets in
his mind
Where the streets are paved with gold and lady luck is
kind.
"The boy only wants some attention - he's wasting our
time
He'll never survive on his own - for he's no son of
mine."
There's thousands more just like him - seeking love
they've never found
No hearth and home to call his own - our fox has run to
ground.
His father taught him right from wrong (and beat him
black and blue)
Caressed the boy with his clenched fist the only way he
knew.
He never went to school that much 'cause he could not
disguise
The weals and bruises on his legs - the rings around
his eyes.
He only needed a family to help him to shine
All he has is a ticket to ride on the poverty line.
He stirs from his gin and tamazapam coma
To find while he slept someone has done him over
His things are all missing or strewn 'cross the floor
And he can't quite recall the events of the evening
before.
As cars race by our young prince waits behind his
cardboard shield
"OXFAM" crown upon his head - his thumb a sword to
wield
A shoddy-clad knight of the road - the quest is

underway

Drawn by glowing street lights in the night - and smoke
by day.

The city lights have pulled him southward - magnets in
his mind

Where the streets are paved with gold and lady luck is
kind.

"The boy only wants some attention - he's wasting our
time"

(he only needed a family to help him to shine)

"He'll never survive on his own - for he's no son of
mine"

(all he has is a ticket to ride on the poverty line).

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