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"The Sky Beneath My Feet 541"

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O come ye young of Hamlyn--you who know my tune so well,

Where it beckons you must follow--be it Heaven (be it Hell).

Forget your mothers grieving as I pipe you down the street,

With a shilling in my pocket--and the sky beneath my feet.

Chameleons bask in the 'arc-lite' reflection--awaiting a chance curtain call,

And here from the wings I have watched them and wondered if God does exist

after all.

On life's Ferris Wheel all the dreamers ride free (from the top you can only

go down),

No-one but yourself is to blame if you presume to walk upon water then drown.

Now your bridges are burned--it is time that you learned there is no turning

back,

All your airs and graces should vacate their places for the qualities you lack.

Though empty vessels made most sound--not one wise word was said,

Vainglory hunters seek their prey where angels fear to tread.

FOLLOW ME--follow and I will lead,

With truth that hurts like stick and stone.

When rats that scuttled ships departed--

Birds of a feather sought their own.

To make their dreams a lantern that outshines the
brightest star,

Turn whispers into battlecries the winds shall carry far.

When hearts shielded by conviction--keeping beats so
pure and strong,

Are at last as one united (a communion of steel--The
Sword of Song).

We gathered together as sister and brother to dance
when the world was abed,

Until the next dawn in the grey light of morning these
lambs to the slaughter

were led

Out of the shadows these vagabonds congregate
(those who have stuck to their

guns),

While tinseltown satellites frantically circulate orbiting
mirror-ball suns.

I will not play a part in this infantile farce--your offer I
decline,

Building walls of pretension to conceal your intentions
was just a waste of

time.

Though in your life of make-believe the best things
came for free,

Why should I trust my plans in the 'capable' hands of a
shallow fool like thee.

FOLLOW ME--follow and I will lead,

With truth that hurts like stick and stone,

When rats their scuttled ships departed--

Birds of a feather sought their own.

The goose that lays the golden egg--I'll sacrifice and
bury it,

If you don't believe me watch me as upon its grave I
spit,

Worldly treasures have no worth--but self-respect is
beyond price,

And Hell's the best alternative when faced with your
fool's paradise.

Some say I bite the hand that feeds--but to these
disillusioned eyes

'tis sweet revenge to watch it bleed (it has only fed me
lies),

The dead horses you were flogging could not rise and
stand upon its legs,

Behold the leper-minstrel has been cured and
nevermore shall beg

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