

Spearhead

"Caught Without an Umbrella"

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Well, it was not that he was particularly suicidal
He just didn't care whether he lived or died though
It was just a matter of time
You got yours and I got mine

When he turned sixteen, they said, he could drive
When he turned eighteen they said he could die
When he turned twenty one, he could buy rum
But no one ever taught him how things were done

Then an angel appeared inside his head
She said, "Boy do you think
You're really better off dead?"
He don't know, he just shook his head

'Cause he thought the day that he died
Would be a normal day for the people on the other side
He thought that the day that he died
Would be a normal day for the people on the other side
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But time was a matter of velocity
In this age of information and technology
He would cry in the shower
Put his face in a towel hot from the dryer

Then he sat down and wrote a note to his mom
When all is said and done, can I still be your son?
Because manhood is so elusive
And respect is so exclusive and I got a daddy to prove
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I think, I'll never get to shake it and move
Then he tied a rope around his neck
Looked in the mirror and said what the heck
I'm gonna bring the whole roof down with me

And then he jumped

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Come in Vernon

But half way down, he heard what the angel said
And he realized, he really didn't want to be dead
He landed with a thump, his head was reeling
Layin' in a lump, looked up at the ceiling

And saw that the rope had broke
Well, he failed at the only thing
That he thought he couldn't fail at
That was takin' his own life

And he said, "I kinda like livin'
He could feel his heart makin' a boom
Sounded like music in the next room
Music in the next room?"

He said, "it's time for a celebration"
Felt his hands looked at his face
Lifted the rope off his throat
I ain't such a disgrace"

He said, manhood is so elusive
And respect is so exclusive
And I gotta daddy to prove
That some people never get to shake it and move

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Would be a normal day for the people on the other side
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And he knew that the day that he tried
Was not a normal day for the people

And memories come down and me once again
Am caught without an umbrella

