

Divine Comedy, The "A Drinking Song"

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Back at the house a bottle is found
And opened in honour
Of those who have drowned
While we who have not are stricken with guilt
And dutifully see
That not one drop is spilt
We're drinking to life we're drinking to death
We're drinking 'til none of our
Livers are left
We're wending our way down to the spirit store
We'll drink till we just
Can't drink anymore

Raise your glasses high
Drink the cellar dry

Well, bloody my nose
And blacken my eye
If it ain't some young Turk
In search of a fight
And chanticler's chest
Is sagging with pride
For honour has yet
To be satisfied
Well, Heaven be thanked
We live in an age
When no man need bother
Except on the stage
With "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori"
And definitely not tonight

I can still remember
When I was just a kid
I was free to do what I wanted to
But I never, ever did
So now with years of discretion reached
May we not forget
"Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité"
For there's life in the Old World yet!

There'll always be an England

An Ireland and a France
A Liechtenstein and Finland
And we have only one chance

Earnest young man with an unhealthy tan
Puts a drink in my hand and says
"I understand
You're in search of the place
To continue the chase of the heavenly taste
I suggest in that case you all come with me
To my place by the sea where the glasses shall be
Overflowing with free alcoholic delights
And free love if you like for what point has this life
If you can't realise your dreams?"

Oh, raise your glasses high
And drink the town dry

We'll drink beyond
The boundaries of sense
We'll drink 'til we start to see
Lovely pink elephants
Inside our heads, inside our beds
Inside the threads of our pyjama legs
So don't shoot til you see
The reds of our eyes
And an army of elephants
Marching behind
From the day I was born
Till the night I will die
All my lovers will be pink
And elephantine

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