The Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy "Language of Violence"

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The first day of school was always the hardest The first day of school, the hallways the darkest

Like a gauntlet
The voices haunted
Walking in with his thin skin lowered chin
He knew the names that they would taunt him with

Fagot sissy punk queen queer Although he'd never had sex in his 15 years And when they harassed him, it was for a reason And when they provoked him, it became open season

For the fox and the hunter, the sparks and the thunder That pushed the boy under, then pillage and plunder It kind of makes you wonder How one can hurt another

But dehumanizing the victim makes things simpler It's like breathing with a respirator It eases the conscience of even the most conscious And calculating violator

Words can reduce a person to an object Something more easy to hate An inanimate entity, completely disposable No problem to obliterate

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It's tough to be young, the young long to be tougher When we pick on someone else it might make us feel rougher

Abused by their fathers but was at home though So to prove to each other that they were not homos

The exclamation of the phobic fury

Executioner, a judge and jury
The mob mentality, individuality was nowhere
Dignity forgotten at the bottom of a dumb
Old dare and a numb cold stare

On the way home it was back to name calling Ten against one they had his back up against the wall and

They reveled in their laughter as they surrounded him But it wasn't a game when they up jumped and grounded him

They picked up their bats with their muscles straining And they decided they were gonna beat this fella's brain in

With an awful, powerful, showerful, an hour full of violence

Inflict the strictest brutality and dominance

They didn't hear him screaming, they didn't hear him pleading

They ran like cowards and left the boy bleeding In a pool of red 'til all tears were shed And his eyes quietly slid into the back of his head Dead

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You won't see the face 'til the eyelids drop You won't hear the screaming until it stops The boy's parents were gone and his grandmother had raised him She was mad, she had no form of retaliation

The pack didn't have to worry about being on a hit list But the thing they never thought about was that there was a witness

To this senseless crime, right place wrong time Tried as an adult one of them was gonna do hard time The first day of prison was always the hardest The first day of prison, the hallways the darkest

Like a gauntlet
The voices haunted
Fagot, sissy, punk, queen, queer
Words he used before had a new meaning in here

As a group of men in front of him came near
For the first time in his life the young bully felt fear
He'd never been on this side of the name calling
Five against one they had his back up against the wall
and

He had never questioned his own sexuality
But this group of men didn't hesitate in their reality
With an awful, powerful, showerful, an hour full of
violence
Inflict the strictest brutality and dominance

They didn't hear him screaming
They didn't hear him pleading
They took what they wanted and then left him bleeding
in the corner
The giant reduced to Jack Horner

But dehumanizing the victim makes things simpler It's like breathing with a respirator It eases the conscience of even the most conscious And calculating violator

The power of words, don't take it for granted When you hear a man ranting Don't just read the lips, be more sublime than this Put everything in context

Is this a tale of rough justice In a land where there's no justice at all? Who is really the victim Or are we all the cause and victim of it all?

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