

## **The Tossers**

# **"Drinking In The Day"**

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Well I met her up on Leeson Street of a Tuesday  
afternoon  
In Summer's fallen colours, sulking back to school  
I asked her would she linger, and she asked me would  
she stay  
Would she keep a girl in company, drinking in the day?

Drinking, Drinking  
Drinking... not thinking  
Drinking, Drinking  
We'll go drinking in the day

She was almost a woman, she was going on sixteen  
She asked me to go walking, In Saint Stephen's Green  
She said I love the sunshine, and to hear the children  
play.  
But I won't be distracted when I'm drinking in the day.

With her flashing eyes and milk white lies she looked  
like a song  
Like the ghost of a woman that first made me go wrong  
She said I'll have a drink with you but I said you'll have  
to pay  
For a comprehensive education  
Drinking in the day

Drinking, Drinking  
Drinking and not thinking  
Drinking, Drinking  
We'll go drinking in the day

If her mother could have seen us on that bright  
November day  
Botticelli and his angel perambulating Ormand Quay  
A drunken blessed virgin, me rhetorious and gay  
Bestowing ancient wisdom as to what made me this  
way

Well here it is:  
Deny your friends and family  
To serve you must betray  
Break and enter heaven

Well you'll steal but never save  
Well you'll squander every penny  
And you'll empty every heart  
And you'll travel every darkened road  
You'll never finish what you start  
And you'll always talk to strangers  
And make love with whom you may  
For God will find good company  
for your drinking in the day  
Drinking, drinking  
Drinking and not thinking  
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So spend your youth on poetry, and spend your cash at  
play  
Every line upon my face is for a girl who went away  
A kiss, and a song, are fleeting things and fame will  
always stray  
So I'll tell the truth, the best spent youth, is the one you  
throw away

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