

Thursday

"Drinking In The Day"

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[First part is a poem written by Brendan Kennelly and it is called "Clearing A Space".]

[The song was written by Bono and Simon Carmody, and performed by Ronnie Drew.]

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, I asked her would she
stay
Would she keep a man 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 I said you'll have to
pay
For a comprehensive education
Drinking in the day

Drinking, Drinking
Drinking and not thinking
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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

Deny your friends and family
To serve you must betray
Break and enter heaven
S teal but never save
Squander every penny
Empty every heart
Travel every darkened road
Never finish what you start
Always talk to strangers
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
Each line upon my face is for a girl who went away
A kiss, a song, are fleeting things and fame will always
stray
So I'll tell the truth, the best spent youth, is the one you
give away

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