HERO OF THE DAY (for W.P. and many others)

Been so long since I realized You're the hero of the day Takes more than images of bravery More than well-assorted play

You raise your voice when all the cowards hush And the boasters hunker down You give attention to a wailing tone Disregard the route that earns you glory and renown

Front row dancers shine, they're blinding me Basking in the light of fame Relocate our rate of qualities Who's to praise and who's to blame

You socialize with those below the floor Hatred preachers pale as ghosts You shy away from false alliances A bold warrior setting up a row of posts

Sweeping silence in the backing crowd Only few who dare to say Your commitment means to wave the flag That shows we still know how to pray

You live your fancy in a painful drive Showing empathy and care You allow for human dignity As the remedy, as the answer to despair

NEIGHBOURS

Slovene nurse on the ground floor Trying to fit her new window frames Turkish couple above her Two boys vexing her with their games

Down-home team on the balcony Still some Hungarian touch Being at odds with the roisterers It sure doesn't mean that much

Longing for life design Making their talents shine Beyond the assembly line Far from the silver mine

Teaming up with the locals Babel sounds may confuse Sure no bed of roses Neither a source of blues

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LEAVE A MESSAGE

Leave a message for my ears Through the years I have missed one Make a blueprint for my life Give me five And your cold gun

Hold me now Lead me now Through that empty space Hold me now Lead me now Into your warm embrace

Blame it on yesterday Creeping into dirty clay Pushing me the easy way out If there's something that I should not say Sleeping in the night of grey Pushing me the easy way out

Put the shadows from the moon Into your loom For the long run Save your candle for the night Hold it tight For the cold sun

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CAREERS

Young man 25, if you can Fancy-free, qualified With experience galore – that suits us right

C'mon! Your train is ready to move on Don't get off, do avoid Being with those who are staying outside

Don't give it up! Whatever you do You won't get no other try Don't look around! Leave weak guys behind They can't catch up with you, brave and tough You've made it now, c'mon, take a chance

He's doing well Slaving away like in hell For the troupe's sake 'Cause a rat racer's heart would not ache

Panting for air Sacrifice, hidden prayer Let's make things better! Be all you can be!

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He's not the same Dropping back, what a shame Bound to fail, out of time A performance that means a decline But it's alright A new one is in sight Eager to avoid Being with those who are staying outside

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ANOTHER DAY IN THE LIFE

Well I will rave about reverie Wonder what dawn will be Is it real, is it fancy?

Eyes shine with joy and ease Delusion or disease? Is it real, is it fancy?

Arms wide open showing home Caressing weird or known Is it real ...is it fancy?

Headlines do not offer Death blow to relief Caring for reception Is it real?

A lie, head rush and deceit Mercy on retreat And it's real, ain't no fancy

Evil eye revealing sheer disdain Causing fear and pain And it's real, ain't no fancy

Thorn twisted stirs denial Sanity on trial And it's real ...ain't no fancy

Headlines plainly offer Death blow to relief Closing on rejection And it's real

Well I rave about a foolish plea Wonder what dawn will be Is it real?

NIGHT ON THE NET

Got no magz no map collection in my bookcase Wanna do no real passage with my suitcase I'd rather travel all these regions from my home base No one to constrain my giant seven-league pace

Wanna pop in everywhere But never leave my folding chair Not even miss the evening prayer Meander High speed thrill Slander Killing Bill Messing up again

Got no live flesh lover's scent to please my senses Never feel like moving into true expenses Keeping off the need to struggle for defences Stayin' away from any place where bond commences

Wanna pop in everywhere But never leave my folding chair Not even miss the evening prayer Meander High speed thrill Slander Killing Bill Messing up again

Tied to a chair, all by myself No attention to the world outside Haze descending, landmarks drifting past Confessions tortured out of me

This queasy feeling knocks me off my feet Haven't seen a poor soul out there in the street If I had a friend they'd tell me to delete Me instead I'd rather favour the repeat

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LOVELY RITA

First saw your face in black and white In gloomy ambience, shapes so bright Fear or joy what's in store For new arrivals who know no score

The air you breathe will burn your lung Congest your throat swell your tongue Your ears get clogged by traffic noise Your eyes seduced by poisonous toys

Welcome to this world, little princess Don't be shy, you're aimless, but not aidless Work of art, genuine and artless Welcome to this world

A training camp to coin and shape The vim in you will leave its scrape To leave behind the rivals' gasp Will have you in its steady grasp

And still the life you live is bliss What you receive is a gentle kiss The touch of your amazing sphere Is the award – we're glad to have you here

Welcome to this world, little princess Don't be shy, you're aimless, but not aidless Work of art, genuine and artless Welcome to this world

OH MARTHA

Martha is a girl with hair in her eyes She runs in the fields but she lives in the skies

Off in the meadow for days, where she lies Soft on the ground, but I'm sure she flies

Got to have the chance to catch her at a glance Everyone had time to figure out the rhyme To see what I can find out about her mind

Oh Martha Oh Martha Oh Martha Oh Martha

Picture her walking by outside Take off your shoes and watch her right

Now that you find her she tells you with pride Younger, hear me now, 'cause tomorrow I'll die

Got to have the chance to catch her at a glance Everyone had time to figure out the rhyme To see what I can find out about her mind

Oh Martha Oh Martha Oh Martha Oh Martha

WAKEFUL MINDS

So she burst into our days A handful of a human soul Conversion in a lot of ways But still the good times roll

There are days when you find yourself ... There are times when you lose yourself ...

I don't worry ...

I guess they'll know what's up Their wakeful minds will pilot them through

So he burst into our life Swiftly like he's ever since No tedium for dwellers in a hive Everywhere he's gonna leave his prints

There are days when you find yourself ... There are times when you lose yourself ...

I don't worry ...

I guess they'll know what's up Their wakeful minds will pilot them through

STAR-CROSSED

Betraying anybody's secret To come of age within their means Breaking promises to prosper Getting on in leaps and bounds

Help me now Tell me how Show me everything you do Don't ask me how To break that vow Leaving Jason in the blue

The little square behind the shelter Housing tribal families The end of patronizing backing Useless efforts to alleviate

Help me now Tell me how Show me everything you do Don't ask me how To break that vow Leaving Jason in the blue

Move about inside the railings Border crossers peering in Guilt or aim of well-off circles Condescending, in the know

Help me now Tell me how Show me everything you do Don't ask me how To break that vow Leaving Jason in the blue

SLOW HAND ROAD

Though it's hard to define You still rummage your memory Is it fall and decline Or a valley of glee

For the first time in your life It's a feeling to break away From what has been to you, what is life to you Into the wideness that's to stay

Just a step in the air Or a backtrack on solid grounds Knowingly and aware Or seduced by dun sounds

Bounded down to a feeble hulk A tiny shell across the bay Or onboard an ark, shoving off the dark For the brightness that's to stay