## **One In Ten**

I am the one in ten A number on a list I am the one in ten Even though I don't exist Nobody Knows me Even though I'm always there A statistic, a reminder Of a world that doesn't care

My arms enfold the dole queue Malnutrition dulls my hair My eyes are black and lifeless With an underprivileged stare I'm the beggar on the corner Will no-one spare a dime? I'm the child that never learns to read 'Cause no-one spared the time

I am the one in ten,

I'm the murderer and the victim The license with the gun I'm a sad and bruised old lady In an ally in a slum I'm a middle aged businessman With chronic heart disease I'm another teenage suicide In a street that has no trees

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I'm a starving third world mother A refugee without a home I'm a house wife hooked on Valium I'm a Pensioner alone I'm a cancer ridden specter Covering the earth I'm another hungry baby I'm an accident of birth.

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