

## Emerald Street

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Pregnant teens on the Barton Street bus  
Homeless people living off crust  
And there's a beat-up town car - it's starting to rust  
Hard soles are kicking up dust  
Half a million people living in the corpse of the brown brick 5  
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To the north, all the small town outcasts are now the big city  
bourgeoisie

All the boys in the halfway houses  
Wave to the girls of Emerald Street

Our calloused fingers, blood red on the brick - but we hold on  
We'll never falter, though they want us to slip - we hold on

The desperate, downtown stealing bikes  
Drunks in the village are picking fights

So, police line the streets to read them their rights  
No controlling hot summer nights  
The sun goes down on the edge of town, at the end of everyday  
We sit and watch the stack, on fire, to the east across the bay

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There's something in the church belfry  
At the corner of Victoria and King  
And it screams out into the night  
It sings this city's plight

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Wave to the girl on Emerald Street

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