

# The Wasteland

Chumbawamba

Said the party to the ad-man  
'We'll conjure up a gimmick -  
The way to lead an ass  
Is with a carrot and a stick  
Dig down for minorities  
Promise them concessions  
Ride in on their backs  
And then teach them all a lesson:  
1. Unemployment means depression  
2. You're just victims of the recession  
3. (We can count on their support -  
if we channel their you'll be saved

All these myths come tailor-made  
To suit the Company Director  
Myths that praise the dignity  
Of cheap, disposable labour  
Two different routes  
To an industrial heaven  
Work for the Boss and parliament  
And all will be forgiven  
It's the fear of being sacked  
That lets the Boss step up the face  
Because the minute you step out of line  
There's someone took your place

Said the MP to the media:  
'Can't we juggle this around?  
Sprinkle sugar on the dogshit  
And we'll keep the figures down  
Never let the left hand  
See what's in the right  
No-one's any wiser  
And the problem's our of sight...'

Job Clubs, Restart, YTS, CP's, EAS:  
Take your democratic choice  
Take a scheme or starve  
Company profits doubled  
Wages chopped in half

Offer your life to the one true Church:  
In the name of the Conservative Party  
The Labour Party  
And the Liberal Alliance  
The promised land where banks outnumber churches  
And your cars shall be martyrs to the cause!

Capitalism in crisis...  
But on the third day it shall rise again.