They came marchin' down the street in robes In the spirit of the Spanish Inquisition Guitars and trombones Mechanical monkeys make good musicians

Streets urchins, the smugglers and dingos Dead languages and living man's lingoes Put the relics of the saint in a glass box And march him around the block

Hangin' on the words of a madman Islands in the abyss
No use for the poet
When the hopeless seek no bliss

Mason jars of petroleum You know those kids don't play And should you ever get a hold of them I'll tell you exactly what they'll say

Time we told you son about the family curse And when they opened up the diary To gain an explanation They find only terminal verse

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