

Kinder Murder

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Here in the bar, the boys like to have fun
There's a wager lost and an argument won
There's a stone-washed damsel on a junk food run
It's a kinder murder

There's a ladder to heaven from a battered stiletto
Spitting out the words that he put into her mouth
See her in silhouette going down south

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Should have kept her mouth shut

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Jimmy took her down to the perimeter fence
He was back in half an hour, he said he left her senseless
Then he went back to his regiment

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The officer said it has to be denied
There's a tear-stained would-be teenage bride
All the family pride in the little ram-rider

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The child went missing and the photo fit his face
Dishonoured Jimmy just read about the case
He said that he was just taking up space

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Jimmy took his best friend's keys from the pile on the table in a flash
He was dreaming of the pigskin seats and the walnut dash
The knickers in her handbag and the one false eyelash

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