

## Oh Beautiful Town

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I grew up blind just like everyone's child  
In the warmth of milk and deceit  
Smothered by love and the chemical dust  
There was never enough to believe

They chewed me up, they spat me out  
Of their system and onto their street  
And the rest of my life was a sprint to forget  
All the greatness that could never be

Oh beautiful town  
I remember you blacker than night  
The whores and the sick-mouths  
The bad taste and the neon lights

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Where are you now with your binge insecurities?  
I shut you down, beautiful town  
Because you tear your children  
Into pieces

Absence twisted with fondness  
Is the horror I couldn't forget  
Programmed in the great art  
Of family, lies and debts

Too much expectation  
Followed by hope and then hate in the mess  
And the rest of my life was a glorious test  
Of my will and my selfish neglect

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On the floor boards under insolent feet  
I mapped the hopscotch to my parents' retreat  
With a lavender bag in my hand  
And words of desperation on my tongue

Good night father, good night mother  
Are you still awake?