

# Heroes

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Why are all our heroes so imperfect  
Why do they always bring me down  
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The statue in the park has lost his crown

William Faulkner drunk and depressed  
Dorothy Parker mean, drunk and depressed  
And that guy in Seven Years in Tibet turned out to be a Nazi  
The founding fathers all had slaves  
The explorers slaughtered the braves  
The old testament God can be so petty

Paul McCartney jealous of John, even more so now that he's gone  
Dylan was so mean to Donovan in that movie  
Pablo Picasso cruel to his wives  
My favorite poets took their own lives  
Orson Welles peaked at 25, ballooned before our eyes  
And he sold bad wine

Heard Babe Ruth was full of malice  
Lewis Carroll I'm sure did Alice  
Plato in the cave with those very young boys  
TS Elliott hated Jews, FDR didn't save the Jews

All the French joined the resistance after the war  
Raymond Chandler drunk and depressed  
Tennessee Williams drunk and depressed  
Think I'll just get drunk and depressed