

Poor Immigrant

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I pity the poor immigrant
Who wishes he would've stayed home
Who uses all his power to do evil
And in the end is always left alone

That man who with his fingers cheats
And who lies with every breath
Who passionately hates his life
And likewise, fears his death

I pity the poor immigrant
Whose strength is all in vain
Whose heaven is like iron sides
Whose tears fall like rain

Who eats but is not satisfied
Who hears but does not see
Who falls in love with wealth itself
And turns his back on me

I pity the poor immigrant
Who tramples through the mud
Who fills his mouth with laughing
And who builds his town with blood

Whose visions in the final end
Must shatter like the glass
I pity the poor immigrant
When his gladness comes to pass