

# The Dream Before

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Hansel and Gretel are alive and well  
And they're living in Berlin  
She is a cocktail waitress  
He had a part in a Fassbinder film  
And they sit around at night now drinking schnapps and gin  
And she says: Hansel, you're really bringing me down  
And he says: Gretel, you can really be a bitch  
He says: I've wated my life on our stupid legend When my one an  
d only love was the wicked witch. She said: What is history?  
And he said: History is an angel being blown backwards into the  
future  
He said: History is a pile of debris  
And the angel wants to go back and fix things  
To repair the things that have been broken  
But there is a storm blowing from Paradise  
And the storm keeps blowing the angel backwards into the future  
And this storm, this storm is called Progress