

# Smiles

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Smiles, I was taught never to smile  
I was told the stylish smiles of buffoonery  
chicanery and larceny abound

My mom said unless someone sticks you right in front of a camer  
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a smile is the last thing that you wanna do  
Those smiles, those mirthless toothy smiles

Smiles, they all smile on TV  
The quizmaster with his withered crones  
the talkshow hosting movie stars, the politician licking feet

The mugger, the rapist, the arsonic lover  
all smile out from the news, at one time or another  
Those smiles, those garish sickly smiles

When I was young my mother said to me  
never, ever, let anyone see that you're happy

Smiles, never, ever let them see you smile  
they'll always put you down  
With those smiles, never, ever let them see you smile  
they'll always put you down  
With your smiles, never, ever let them see you smile  
don't you know they'll make you go

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