Never to Be Next

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Wholely naked My my worn towel serving as loin cloth Face turned red Hands clutching at soap and froth (Next, next) I was barely 20 And we were over 100 Being the followers of the one who led (Next, next) I was still 20 When my innocense was revealed In a mobile brothel of an army In the field (Next, next) Maybe I would have liked A little touch of tenderness Maybe a word Or maybe a caress But no (Next, next) It was not Waterloo And it was not Arcole It was the moment When I regreted missing school (Next, next) But i swear on hearing that sergeant Who was not worth tuppens It was a dirty trick that ? made his armies of impotence (Next, next) I swear by the head Of my first bout of syphillis It's that voice That voice that sticks Like a fist (Next, next) That voice that stinks of garlic Foul drink and crud It's the voice of nations And the voice of blood (Next, next) And since then Each woman in the heat Of succuming in my skinny arms Seems to be murmering Next, next Next deary, next sonny All the followers of the world Would hold each others hand For in my delerium, well I scream and demand He's next....well I'm not delerious I act as a reasoner Say, it's more humiliating to be the followed Than the follower (Next, next, next, next) One day I'll cut my legs off Or even become a nun

I'll hang anything
So long as I'm not anyone
Never to be next
Never to be next
Never to be next
Next, next
Please don't pick me next
Never to be next
I want never...never...never...never to be next