Kikwit Town

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From a house comes the sound of an infant crying People stand and stare at the door They dare not go in Where a child lies sobbing beside a lifeless body Trying in vain to awaken the mother within

This chain of death has so many faces From the frightened man to the pitiful child Where is our deliverance here? Will this not pass over?

I won't go back to Kikwit Town I won't go back I won't go back to Kikwit Town I won't go back

They would not give us my father's body The men in orange suits started gathering 'round They asked the names of all who live here As they threw him down in hole and burned his house down

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Is it not enough we live in this squalor? Is it not enough these sacrifices we make? Are we not entitled to some mercy On this short journey we take?

They said come down and answer all our questions It's best for all if I turn myself in But I know as sure as I walk through that hospital door I will never see daylight again

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