

The Homosexual

Momus

I love women but I'm thinking of giving in
I love women but what's the point of arguing
With the men from boarding schools and building sites
Who've told me I'm a homosexual all my life

One stop past Embankment and the coughs begin
Hell hath no fury like an insecure Englishman
You don't need psychoanalysts to translate this
'There is an open homosexual in our midst'

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I'll make them sing notes of pleasure
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I love women but I take them by surprise
Pretending absolute indifference to their breasts and thighs
Like their hairdressers and dressmakers I hear confessionals
Reserved for homosexual professionals

As I put their feet in stirrups with my limp wrist
(A trick I learned from a homosexual gynecologist)
I recall the words my first girlfriend ended our first date with
"I feel privileged you chose me to go straight with"

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You who called me shirt-lifter in Chemistry class
You who sniggered "look out for your arse"
Now your women wash your shirts, now your kids are born, baby, look out for
your horns

You who called me teapot, who plagued me with your bile
Guess who I've got coming to the boil
Why not grab the nettle I'll settle for being the kettle if you're the pot
I take my tea like my revenge, sweet and hot

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Never in a million years
No fucking fear