

The Ladies Understand

Momus

When I was a little whippersnapper of a boy just 19
Years of age
And I happened to stain the sheets on the bed or I
Happened to misbehave
The stains were lovingly washed away in a tub of soapy
Water
By the ladies I protected from a world of horrible
Slaughter

But whenever a piece of ultraviolent thuggery is done
And the world looks on with heart in mouth, speechless
And stunned
Remember that every offender is his own mother's son
Here is the song that I have always sung:

"Give me mass in the morning, the bookie's at noon
The brothel all night long
But I'll always be true to the ladies, the ladies
Understand
I'm their favourite
They love me, I treat them like"

Then when at last I came of age and had to make my way
I set up shop with a dozen girls, so popular was I
I marched them up to the top of the town and there I
Had them loiter
There are many worse ways to earn your pay in a world
Of horrible slaughter

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One of my girls did a runner one day with a lad from
The orchestra
Who scraped a living on a violin and stayed at home
With Ma
I ground his instrument into the ground and Tracy, when
I caught her
That time got off lightly tn this world of horrible
Slaughter

Now I've got a little whippersnapper of my own just at
The difficult age
And if he happens to slash a girl to test his army
Penknife blade
The blood is lovingly washed away in a tub of soapy
Water

By the girls he may protect one day from a world of
Horrible slaughter

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