

Slow Numbers

Morphine

Lazy boys and shy Diane's
One at a time, single file
They counted the low numbers
As they walked by

I count a high number, a low number
Among the slow numbers

The number four means nothin' to me
But the number four means death to Chinese
Number seven is lucky in Japan
Here we don't give a damn

But on the elevator, no thirteenth floor
On the elevator, no thirteenth floor
Thirteenth goin' up, goin' up, goin' up

Relaxin' as I wait in line
Some of the numbers
Lose their smiles
Specially the numbers one through nine

Because they're only seatin' parties
Of ten or higher
For the dancin' the question mark sticker
And the mermaid kickers

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