

Sleep Long

Operation Ivy

One day I saw a man asleep
In a doorway on the street
Thru walls of sheltered
Inhibition I perceived his
Condition dying of hunger
And exposure, food and shelter
Two blocks over within
This place we breed and
Dwell in we've created living hell
Sleep long sleep well
Only to awake in hell
City sleeps and pigeons flutter
Vagrant dies in the gutter
Prideless death somehow befitting
To life spent working on forgetting
Riding on the bus I looked outside and thought about death
Passing cars the only tribute to his gasping final breath
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(Constant subliminal brain immersion
Subconscious death wish coercion
Buy and consume and want and need
Never fall from the trap of greed)
I thought about the bitter pain of jail cells
And falling rain I thought ahead and looked away
What can you do anyway in sheltered youth and our
Pretension
Avert our eyes to divert attention
Only to see the human victims always there to remind us
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