

The Bastard Sons of Enoch

Shriekback

Cain decked the angel said "fuck you screw"
Shook the garden's dust from off his shoe
Then he walked in the desert a mile or two
He came to the plain where the medlars grew
And he sat down on the burning sand
Looked at the red on his brown right hand
And he spoke to the devil about his plans
Out to the east of Eden

Oh, the devil said "Cain, I think this will fly
I want this bastard deep and high
From the guts of the earth to the clean blue sky
Time to rape, scald, scar up and petrify"
So with shovel and pick they worked side by side
Till they ripped out a hole in the grandmother's side
And the city rose out of it bad and wide
Out to the east of Eden

ENOCH BEGAT URUK BEGAT NINEVEH BEGAT BABYLON BEGAT
SODOM
BEGAT JERICHO BEGAT CAIRO BEGAT PORT SAID BEGAT
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BEGAT BANGKOK BEGAT SAIGON BEGAT VEGAS BEGAT HAMBURG
BEGAT NEW YORK CITY BEGAT MEGA CITY ONE BEGAT NEO TOKYO

That was all now so long ago
And down these mean streets now we all must go
All our fears have come true and no help to know
That only our thoughts have made them so
All the people are scared as they can be
Crying "don't try and come to close to me"
Now we all prefer and don't you agree
A mechanical kind of ecstasy

And the masters preen and their wives impress
And the witches burn and the slaves undress
And they all get fucked and paid and blessed
On the altars of their own success
And the numb and stupid and dumb and vain
Have their fatuous theories to explain
Why nobody any longer feels the pain
Down to the east of Eden

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