

Fifteen Years

The Levellers

"I never was a violent man"
Said the man in the bar
with his head in his hands.
He's trying his best
to understand the cause of his dismay.
But years of gin have broken him
And left him cold where he's fitted in.
But it's too late now to turn around
and find another way.

And the laughs in the late night lock-in
Fade away when he gets in.
The girl from fifteen years ago
Has packed and gone away.

That's never how it used to be,
What happened to all that energy?
You took one too many liberties
and I'm tired of being afraid.
So after the fight she took flight
Hiding swollen eyes and a wounded pride.
The best years of her life denied
sold for liquid shares.

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And the victims of their world
are advertised on posters
Just a beach and a pretty girl
if you just take this potion.

It's another week
'til his cheque comes through
He's got a fiver left now to spend on food
But the doors of the bars are open
and he breaks another rule.
Well, he sits on the stool that bears his name
He's got favorite glass
well its called the same,
And he's never been kept waiting
'cos he pays the landlord's wage.

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