

ON ECONOMY

And the prey that throbs in your hand And the stream of blood in your flesh

And the spit that flows to the food And the jaws that lock on the meat And the blood that spills to the ground And the life that melts in your mouth And the meat that rots in your guts And the food that shoots through your veins And the peace that spreads 'neath your skin And the strength you gain from the fill And the energy spent on the job And the food you need to restore And the food you eat to need more And the sweat you pay for the work And the blood you pay for the rest And the eyes that close on the job And the job that works in your sleep And the dreams that eat up your stores And the money that leaks through your pores And the fat that burns in your words And the food that swims in your dreams And the blood that pounds in your head And the bread that sings in your heart And the love that writhes on your plate And the smell of tears on your teeth And the eyes that die on the job And the words that throb in your food And the insect that talks in your sleep And the food that tastes back on your tongue And the stars that suck on your skin And the witches that cry in your tracks And the sense that bleeds from your feet And the tears that roll in the dust And the face that abrades on your skin And the features aflame in the sand And the money that sobs in your grip And the stardust that's slowing your pace And the lava that's clogging your veins And the stone that has come for your soul And the meaning that heaps on your back And the muck that piles on your hands And the rocks that fall on your head And the sticks that ram up your butt And the stones that bash in your teeth And the walls that fall in on your head And the air that bleeds on your skin And the shit that runs from your eyes And the noise that spills from your hands And the beauty that drips from your nose And the herds that browse on your waste And the junkies that feast on your genes And the worms that rejoice in your ears And the imps crawling up in your lap And the drunks dancing wild in your skull And the death curling up in your womb And the life moving into your tomb And the god he is sipping your juice And the devil is sucking your bones And the ghosts they all weep for your soul And the angels abhor at your sins And the dust it stirs on your face And the brain it spins in the bone And the plaster it falls from the brow And the features explode in the lap And the head it tilts on the neck And the head it drops to the floor

...And the food dissolves in a haze..

...And a dream runs off in the night..

And the head it rolls down the stairs

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DEZINE



THE MAD KING

The Mad King lives in – This is the story of The Mad King – Well, there he lives and from that golden throne he rules the land. His subjects hate him. They all hate him deeply and each one has a plan to kill him. But have they got the guts, do you think? Have they got the guts to go through with it? Oh, you bet your life they have. They have the plans and they have the guts, that's no problem. The King is the problem. He is a clever bastard, that's the problem. The Mad King is also The Clever Bastard. The ways of the King are inscrutable.

Today is the first of August. Today is the King's birthday.

The King is afraid that someone might take the throne away from him. Many measures are taken to prevent such a thing from happening. Among these measures is the execution of all children born within the Kingdom on the first of August.

But alas, the King is not the only clever bastard in his Kingdom. The subjects are far from dim. So, knowing the law, they keep their bedside manner at a low key for quite a while around the beginning of November. No children have been born on the first of August in that kingdom for the last fifteen years.

This is quite a feat for such a lascivious lot.

Nevertheless, the King will kill a child; it is part of his birthday ritual. The victim must be a boy and it must in some way resemble the King. Such a boy is not easily found, as the subjects have been resenting the royal family so hard for so long that the genes of the two classes have taken totally different directions.

The royal family and the subjects may quite correctly be classified as different species: the members of the royal family are swarthy, burly, and hairy; the subjects are bald, pale, and plump, and rather inclined to walk on all fours. If some genetic coincidence should bring about retrogression to royal features in a child of subjects, this child will be slaughtered, not as a rule, but in disgust and without exception.

The King, however – prone to hallucinations as he is, and his ideas of resemblance being either extremely far-fetched or just plainly insane – has never had problems in finding the right boy. Each year on the first of August, when the subjects are lined up outside their cabins, the King walks in their midst, searching. And each year – sometimes at the first home, sometimes hours away from the castle – he stops in front of a boy, a strange smile of sad recognition wrinkling the royal face. He takes the boy by the hand and leads him to take the royal seat in the sedan chair. Then the King releases one of the carriers and helps lifting the sedan up from the ground. The band starts playing and the procession back to the castle begins.



SAY, WHAT WILL YOU WEAR TO THE BLACK HOLE?

Say, what will you wear to the black hole?
Oh, a suit and a hat,
With a flow'r in it's brim;
That's what I'll wear,
Stepping over the rim.

Say, what will you bring to the black hole?

Oh, a beautiful song,

And a summertime swim;

That's what I'll bring,

Stepping over the rim.

Say, who will you take to the black hole?
Oh, my Annabelle dear,
And that Betty so trim;
We'll be holding hands,
Stepping over the rim.

Say, how will you go through the black hole?

Plunging hat first ahead,

With a kick of my sole,

Dancing I'll go,

Stepping into the hole.

