

The Place That Is Not For Us

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I wish I had a rich friend

I bury my bones

I'd let them betray me and never have any qualms

I'd let them be mean to me at the cost of their soul

Follow them to hell and make them queue for my dole

I'd forgive them too quickly, swallow pride and alms whole.

I would carry their burden and then we could swap roles.

I both marvel and wallow in front of their face

I'd fill the gaps of silence, I'd make them check the price.

I would dampen their spirit and stifle their chuckle.

Have them weigh their own value and make them fight me bare knuckle.

I'd say they're good as the gold that's matching their girth

I'd call their father obtuse and their mother overt.

I'd say their nanny was a bigot

And their grandad uncouth.

I'd cry: "Nostalgia for mud!'

And make them bleed at the root

Trade your blood for water

Set your son on your daughter

Reimagine the wheel

And restore social order

I'd savage their sentiments

Show them poverty manifest

In spite of tamper-proof evidence

Still just a scumbag with eloquence.