

Lonely Town

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Your eyes are focused on a screen of your own choosing
Your mind is busy with distractions of its own
My imminent departure is the flavour of the evening
You lent me a welcome, I paid interest on the loan

Your downward glance, a punishment for errant little foibles
The things that make us human are unpleasant to your taste
Each drooping lash has cut me up with barbed insinuations
I plundered all my savings in the hopes that you've disgraced

So fond farewell from corny clown
I'm going back to lonely town
Where people weep, others frown
Empty lives can tumble down
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A broken shadow of a man that you ignore before you
Once drove the streets of London like a leopard on the prowl
The virus that destroyed the youth, the fool who would adore you
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Will take me where the air is grey, the atmosphere is foul

So best of luck and all the rest
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