

They Provide the Paint for the Picture-Perfect Masterpiece That You Will

Streetlight Manifesto

There is a man with no face
And a name I don't remember
Who lives in a house in the middle of the woods
And he said once "Son, don't you ever laugh out loud for they are listening,
Yes they are listening
Oh you've got to be strong
Oh, you've got to keep holding on
It's now just a matter of time"
(Head for the hills, go!)

They provide the paint for the picture perfect masterpiece
that you will paint on the insides of your eyelids;
Can you possibly see anything you want to see?
No (Hell No!)
"There's nothing wrong with the way I see"
and he wanted to be a soldier in the next great war
he wanted to kill and fight and maim but not be told what he was fighting fo
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And that's the way it's going to have to be my friend,
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I passed a man on the corner in the city yesterday singing
"Yada yada yada and tomorrow it'll never end"
and I never thought I'd never live to see another sunny day
but I'm here and I fear I'll be here till the end
So watch your mouth
Or you're going to make a grave mistake
Hold your tongue
Or you're going to catch a bullet in the head
So watch your mouth
Or you're going to make a grave mistake
Don't die for anything less than the best of life

The things you said went to your head
But you never tried to understand:
What they'll take you will never take back what they take when take what the
y can
because they can from you
You follow me and you follow me but you never ask why
And I wonder what you're under could this be another piece of the
"I don't know I just do what they say because they say what to do in a matte
r of fact way"
But don't stop because you might get burned
And you might just learn to stand on your own two feet
And I think that it's neat how you learn to repeat everything
that you hear in the street so well
You learn to repeat everything that you hear so well
You learn to repeat everything that you hear so well

And everyone was resting because they thought it was the end
And even if it wasn't they decide they'd pretend
And somewhere in the distance I could hear him whispering
"You can fight all you want you'll never win in the end"

Sometimes in the evening when I'm lying in my bed
I am taken to the forest to the isolated shed
And I wake with his words resonating in my head

And I can't stop thinking about the gist of what he said

He said:

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Don't die for anything less than the best of,

Everyone settles for the rest not the best of,

I will die for no less than the best of life