

Old Ghosts

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I'm not sorry that you're gone
The hell we raised was always fun
But I'm not sorry that you're gone
I'd pick the place, you'd pick a fight
And all who witnessed lost the night
To the unravelling of spite and all things we collected

And how am I supposed to speak to
Those I ridiculed but still looked up to?
Oh, coming here it takes some nerve
So I am grateful for your generous omission of unwelcome reminiscing

Why so reasonable now?
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What you got that's so important?
It just can't wait for morning call

Coming here I meet old ghosts
And one that I fear more than most
The grasping hand it takes my throat as I ascend the stairway
And as the mirror does remind
I know you're never far behind
Oh, please don't make a fuss the years just took their toll on us

Years fall off me as I reach you
And here again I am the child that once revered you
If this body must hold two
I'll pray the other is not you
And I will run so fast I'll lose you from the looking glass

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Whatever happened to all of your people?
Whatever happened to all of your boys?
Chasing their tail between market and steeple
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