## **The Modern Leper**

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A cripple walks amongst you all You tired human beings He's got all the things a cripple has Not two working arms and legs And vital parts fall from his system And dissolve in Scottish rain Vitally, he doesn't miss them He's too fucked up to care

Is that you in front of me? Coming back for even more of exactly the same You must be a masochist To love a modern leper on his last leg On his last leg

Well, I've crippled your heart a hundred times And still can't work out why You see, I've got this disease I'm just rattling, I'm just shaking through life Well, this is how we do things now Yeah, this is how the modern stay scared Well, I cut out all the good stuff Yeah, I cut off my foot to spite my leg

And is that you in front of me? Coming back for even more of exactly the same And you must be a masochist To love a modern leper on his last leg And I'm not ill but I'm not dead And I don't know which of those I prefer Because that limb that I have lost It was the only thing holding me up Holding me up

Well, I'm lying on the ground now And you're walking through the only door And I have lost my eyesight like I said I would But I still know

That that is you in front of me Coming back for even more of exactly the same And are you a masochist? You love a modern leper on his last leg And you're not ill and I'm not dead Doesn't that make us the perfect pair? So settle down and we'll start again And you can tell me all about what you did today What you did today