

# When a Man Cries

## The Divine Comedy

When a child cries the tears rise quickly  
Spill hot and prickly down the reddened cheeks  
Just to leave as quickly as they came  
And peace returns again

When a child cries you know about it  
They scream and shout until the hurt is gone  
Like a shower of rain that for a moment  
Hides away the sun

But when a man cries it's choked and throttled  
It's all been bottled up for far too long  
And when at last the pressure cooker blows  
It's hard to stem the flow

When a man cries his body shakes  
And his eyeballs ache  
And his mind vibrates  
But he doesn't make a sound  
Don't wanna wake the house now

Well the reasons are vague and hard to put in words  
Just a dull abstract ache, don't wanna worry her  
She would only ask what's wrong and I'd try to say  
Then she'd take all my pain and explain it away  
But who can explain why a man cries

When a man cries he cries alone  
And for just a moment he's back at home

Cradled in his mother's arms

Free from guilt and safe from harm