

# Down in the Tube Station at Midnight

The Jam

The distant echo of far away voices boarding far away trains  
To take them home to the ones that they love and who love them forever

The glazed, dirty steps, repeat my own and reflect my thoughts  
Cold and uninviting, partially naked, except for toffee wrappers  
And this morning's papers, Mr. Jones got run down  
Headlines of death and sorrow, they tell of tomorrow  
Madmen on the rampage, and I'm down in the tube station at midnight

I fumble for change, and pull out the Queen, smiling, beguiling  
I put in the money and pull out a plum, behind me  
Whispers in the shadows, gruff blazing voices, hating, waiting  
Hey boy, they shout, have you got any money?

But I say, I've a little money and a take away curry  
I'm on the way home to my wife, she'll be lining up the cutlery  
And now she's expecting me  
Polishing the glasses and pulling out the cork  
And I'm down in the tube station at midnight

I first felt a fist, and then a kick, I could now smell their breath  
They smelt of pubs and Wormwood Scrubs  
And too many right wing meetings, my life swam around me  
It took a look and drowned me in its own existence

The smell of brown leather, it blended in with the weather  
It filled my eyes, ears, nose and mouth  
It blocked all my senses, couldn't see, hear, speak any longer  
I'm down in the tube station at midnight  
I said, "I was down in the tube station at midnight" Hey

The last thing that I saw as I lay there on the floor  
Was 'Jesus Saves' painted by an atheist nutter  
And a British Rail poster read  
'Have an away day, a cheap holiday, do it today'

I glanced back on my life and thought about my wife  
'Cause they took the keys, and she'll think it's me  
I'm down in the tube station at midnight  
The wine will be flat and the curry's gone cold  
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