

# The Change Cage

Abney Park

I take a steam train to work  
Just like the one my father took  
And I pass over the walls  
I see the people as I look

I see--there's the block  
For folks with yellow skin;  
There's the block for folks who have no chin;  
There's the block for me and all my kin;  
And over there is the change cage where we throw the rebels in.

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And I will hold the key until the day they say the cage will fall.  
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Walls of iron bolted with steel  
Two miles high, that should hide how we feel.  
And in the city we've walled off each block  
This should work to segregate any racial melting pot.

Long ago we learned of the trouble  
When a man steps out of his life's plastic bubble  
So we walled off the city, caged thoughts that were free  
And now our lives are safe from any change that  
Could have come between you and me.

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They say an artist from block 616  
Revived some old art just for his own kicks.  
They say his pictures were lewd,  
They say his women were nude,  
So we throw them inside.

Well, now, that artist can run, he can hide  
But sooner or later we'll throw him inside.  
I don't think the people should see,  
Well that's not art to me,  
So we'll throw them inside.

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