

## Toothy

Billy Woods

"Dessert? Are you having dinner Mr. Wolf?"

"Uh, not yet, not yet, my dear. Ho ho ho ho ho."

Halloween on Christmas  
Make sure the mask fit  
Eyes glitterin' through the eyeholes, exchange gifts  
Station chief in Cairo, add a name to the list  
That's '86  
The Benz armor plated, look how it sit  
Mugabe never hesitated, Samora did  
That's why Samora dead and Lee Perry alive  
Cancer ate Marley leg, ol' Bob won't die  
All told, he told no lies  
Count to ten when close both eyes  
Orphan said, "More, please."  
Persephone came home to Orpheus with sore knees, flushed cheeks  
I get why you don't wanna believe, that water get deep  
Obama Kush when he speak, so articulate  
Leaf stuck in his buck teeth  
Stuck, in the bucket seats  
Tow truck, pull me through Manhattan  
Waved like a king  
Woe to whoever not clappin'  
Rats scatter in a predictable pattern  
The pimp nails like talons  
Gratuity include in the final balance  
Gallons and gallons out that Niger Delta  
But when his name came up e'rybody fell silent

Oh Granny, what big eyes you got  
All the better to watch for the cops  
Oh Granny, what big ears those is  
All the better to hear the pigs  
Oh Granny, those are some sharp teef  
All the better when it's time to eat

Still in my seat when the movie end  
When the credits roll, big toothy grin  
Big ol' bag of candy I snuck in  
Might as well run it again  
Weed this strong, your limbic system not a friend, it's not a friend  
E'ry knee bends when the engineer cue his stems  
Wax nostalgic 'bout future events  
Unlawful possession of financial instruments  
Frowny Face  
Made haste to vacate the place  
The ride smelled like wedding cake  
Steeplechase  
She pressed gas, I pumped the brakes  
Sheepish face  
How bad you wanna know, like a box of unmarked VHS tapes (How bad?)  
In your Dad's storage space nobody knew about  
'Til he passed, they called, the payment was late  
The rust flaked off when you raised the gate  
"Toodle-oo."  
"Goodbye Mr. Wolf."  
"Toodle-oo."

When you raised the grate

"The wolf stood looking after Red Riding Hood and when she was out of sight,  
he grinned  
A wide grin  
Showing all of his long glistening teeth."