

How Far Does It Go?

Citizen Fish

Packed with people in the name of punk
The show goes down and the drink gets drunk
In the name of unity songs get sung
Happily feeling this is where it begun
In the name of punk
A relative normality sets in
This is how it's always been
Yet once it's over the facts come in
People got stabbed as we lived the dream
How far does it go in the name of punk?
How far does it go in the name of the scene?
How far does it go?
It's a horror story of retaliation
Some dead romantic situation
Local friends called into a scene
Where it's still ok to dress to look mean
In the name of punk
And fights break out and knives get used
And three or four people's lives get screwed
The cops do what they're paid to do
And the face of the enemy gets confused
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Who are we as a collective noun
If even once this shit goes down?
Is unity an empty bell
We only hear when it's going well?
Can we stand and be counted as pacifists
When arguments lead to knives to fists?
And fists instead of open debate
Or getting less pissed before we relate
How far does it go in the name of punk?
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Being individual right or wrong
Is a prize to be won not by being strong
But by allowing the freedom for others to say
'I disagree - this is my way'
As weak as it sounds it's down to the words
The reactions when thoughts get heard
And really, fuck it if you hurt some feelings
Cos there's three or four punks in the hospital
Bleeding - possibly to death
What have we gained - and what is left?
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