Red Is a Mean, Mean Colour

Cockney Rebel

He can remember hearing words of wonder 'Failure is on the inside'
So often does he wonder
How hard it is without a guide

This manipulator of crazes
He can win any race that you name
Like a disease he goes in stages
And affects everybody the same

(Who doesn't care about this or that?)
He's just a body, a beat-up body
He gets his kicks in a fatal crash
And carries a sign that screams: 'Red is a mean mean colour'

He keeps his money under his mattress And his conscience in his pocket His heart runs on batteries He has two eyes to each socket

Now here's a thing, a very silly thing He claims that it's easy to make a million Yeah here's a thing, a very silly thing He says you steal from a broken Brazilian

(Who doesn't care about this or that?)
He's just a honey, a beat-up honey
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Life's a game of colours and shapes, life's an ugly hue Life's a pageant that we paint, life's an ugly colour

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Can you remember being south of Brighton Head full of floating memories? Swimming to the grey horizon Trying to escape the enemy?

Who can quote from a thousand young poets? And with his flag on his back he can shine Who has a dream but can never show it? Who is drunk from the mad man's wine?

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