

Palace

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Heroes, villains
Blue faded under glass
Bow tied men rip tickets to pieces
Semi-naked statues full wooden ashtrays
Curtained enclaves where mischief thrives
Red velvet, randy
Smell of corn
Candy floss
Usherettes with torches frolic naked in the wings
Cellophane crackle
Movietone
Old news
Lads on the front and around the empire
Cigar Winston in ruins of Berlin
Spitfire and anthem news from abroad
Waiting for the lantern the light of the dream
Giftwrapped and evergreen
Picture Palace
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