

# The Time of Day

Gino Vannelli

All the ghosts in the schoolyard  
Young rebels with no dreams  
Dying of old age  
At seventeen  
Some blame their mothers  
For this unforgiving world  
Others point the finger  
At the flag the wind unfurls  
But I say

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You are the master of your destiny  
The devil's the dude who sells poison for pay  
Don't give the devil the time of day  
Don't you give him the room or an inch to play  
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There's a face in the mirror  
You don't recognize  
So you shatter the lights  
'Cause they sting your bloodshot eyes  
You walk on with a stranger  
Who rolls your soul up in his wad  
You place your trust in him  
Like you once placed it in god  
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Caught between the cyclone fence and a red brick wall  
Yeah, you melt like chocolate in the sun  
Then you see your angel walking with his high-tops on  
And he hands you heaven hotter than a loaded gun

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