Idiot's Delight

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The world is turning upside-down, no-one's in the black

The king is on the balcony, the queen is in the sack

He's lying through his golden teeth, she's lying on her back

Beneath the handsome soldier and the family coat of arms

The lady she's affected by the soldier's obvious charms

And the king sweats quite profusely and says we should stay calm

I can see his brand new suit but I can't see the man

He's here to cover up his so-called economic plan

But his voice dwindles to nothing, he strikes up the royal band

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The trains are almost empty since the crash of 89

They built a brand new station but forgot about the lines

They built a brand new human but forgot about the spine

Everything gets cut to bits, no-one sees it bleed

It's not the way you play the game but how you can succeed

Put the bastards in a new town and watch the rabbits breed

The king he's got a stepson in return for foolish pride

The queen had her mad moment's glory, then of course she dies

The soldier planned the revolution right from the inside

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The soldier's executed, he's mistaken for the king

Who said he was from somewhere else and hadn't done a thing

And made off with the crown jewels but misplaced his wedding ring

Power's aphrodisiac, addicts die of thirst

The new El Presidente saw his bubble finally burst

And the king returned from exile, by request to break the curse

He fulfils election promises with temporary cures

And everything's worse than it once was without the same allure

And his stepson is on squad inspection making overtures

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