

# Decline and Fall

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Captivate, prevaricate, the worst is yet to come  
Just zero-sum directives, from silver, forked tongues  
A monumental fall, I stop, stare and contemplate how it ends...

Crushed in between, underneath the wheel  
Do I have a future, in this desert of the real?  
Slow atrophy, schizophrenic dreams  
Do I need a conscience, in this nihilist regime?

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Reveal the hidden hand, as it propagates vicious and false incentive

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No ties that bind, except the will to live  
Do I have a reason, something more than hate to give?  
Apex achiever, or food for the worms?  
Will I even care, once this world begins to burn?

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In this, dead institution, nowhere to go but down  
Another day in the status quo, another drop in the well of wasted hopes  
Orphans, in narcosis, longing for a past that never was  
You're all dead to me, as lifeless as a corpse ground to dust  
Insects, entombed, the woe of time and doom  
I spit and curse each day I walk this blighted earth