

Priestly Vows

PARADOX

When I took my priestly vows I believed in them outright
Never thought that there would come a time to doubt
Now my vows have been belied they fade into the night

Laid bare before the alter I called home

Pray to the lord the lord in heaven
Pray to the king of the jews
Pray to the virgin and their son Christ

What have you got to lose

Even though my duty was to Rome
I've never followed all their rules
It's different at home

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I had my share of women some of virtue, some more rare
I drank wine beyond my calling though I don't care no more because of you

Life is an open road, my faith is failing
With all the things I've been told, my faith is failing

Years spent repenting my sins, my faith is failing ME

Now I must find a way, a new path for my life

Now that we've see what's real and not a dream

I'll see some old friends, perhaps make amends and plan a new strategy
Make money for me and my family, the village and churchfolk to thee
I'll go to the city seek out people I've known, put my standing to use

Perhaps get involved with the people that solve the problems I may have to face.

I must move at lightning pace to guarantee success
The people that I will meet won't take anything less
I pack my bags my cleric clothes my bible and a light

When in doubt pack everything in sight

The journey will take me many days on horseback and by train
Travelling through the darks of night guided only by the flame

That lights my way

Once I'm there I'll be bold...no stalling
Find those of whom I'm told...no stalling
To savour the sights and the sounds...no stalling
Find those where money abounds....no stalling
Pushed into an unsavoury crowdno stalling
People so brash and so loud...no stalling
Actors and singers abound....no stalling
Choose the one I can turn around.....no stalling
No one can know what I do...no stalling

Black mass is definately taboo...no stalling
I must hide every trace of my stay...no stalling
Take my money and leave the next day...no stalling