

# New York Ivy

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He had a massive gong by the side of his bed  
Where most folk just had a lamp  
And the tattoos where family names usually read  
He had 'Legend' and 'I Am The Champ'

And in this dark age of plasticity  
His beard, it felt somehow so real  
Something he could touch right next to his skin  
Whilst attempting all along to conceal

Conceal his hidden intent  
He ain't after women and he certainly ain't bent  
He's a new man, not the old, old, type  
He don't drink pints or carry the wife

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Clinging to the conversation like the densest of fogs  
And the words that he chooses to use are simply New York ivy  
Twirling round and snapping your ankles like the neighbour's dogs

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They grab a shower, grab a coffee, jump into a cab, and then they do some steak and fries  
And the beard grows down his face like New York ivy  
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She liked her rap like she liked her coffee  
Tepid and most definitely white  
And her football team, like her taste in fellas  
Was entertaining, but incredibly shite

And in this easier age of domesticity  
Something made her cling to the cloth  
And long for the day when he came home from work  
And demanded that she got her kit off

And it was retro kit, sign of the day  
Another one claiming Macclesfield away  
A season ticket holder since '72  
A Stone Roses hat and a bee tattoo

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In survival of the hippest, the hippest survive  
You can't shake hands, you can only high-five  
It's a fist bump after every joke

Banal conversation that'll cause you to choke

On a posh pork pie, pretentious beer  
Spit and sawdust got expensive round here  
It's a new 'joint', the latest place  
Where they wouldn't know style if it smacked them in the face

A slap round the chops is what the world needs  
A bath full of water and a couple of leads  
Couple of leads, couple of leads  
A couple of leads