

## Strange Lot

Seth Sentry

A faint ghost through the raindrops, pace a frozen train stop  
My brain throbs as it wanders to my day job  
On my way to the place that I hate most  
Strange though how I'm still afraid of gettin' laid off  
And every day feels the same with a different date  
And every face looks as plain as an empty frame  
So sick of waitin' for the painter to begin  
To paint the plain away, for now a testament to emptiness and  
Thoughts ricochet, through my fickle pickled brain  
Rain trickles down the grimace, same image, different name  
Fault searcher, my soul's an impulse purchase  
'Round here we serve beer, not purpose  
Step aside

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In the evening, sleep as though I'm dead  
I'm so tired, sad and lonely  
Happy when I'm dreamin' only  
I wanna break free, ain't escaping here  
'Cause I'm tied down, paralyzed in fear  
Every day's the same but everyone has changed  
I can't let it slide, better step aside

We all look so morose  
Soaked overcoats, hope comatosed  
Folks know the ropes, don't row the boat, just float  
Don't delay, don't you go and chase the blown away  
Umbrella cross the motorway, tell 'em keep a poker face  
For the joker's sake, hold your plate steady while we load it up  
And smoke your face, pretty while your throat is cut  
Yeah, things that go bump know what's up  
Only showing love through the drugs and the modem plug  
Moments past, only last in photographs, show some gums  
Fool the picture homie, no, he couldn't give a lonely fuck  
So they don't smile they just show their teeth  
And sit below the streets on broken rollercoaster seats  
With today's valid ticket like this trip is where they're all supposed to be  
But don't be difficult, the warning poster's read  
And if it all amounts to this, then all aboard and count your chips  
A flock of dirty pigeons fightin' over water fountain sips  
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Now I could learn to hide a smirk behind a smile  
In a nice designer shirt, life of work, buy a pile of dirt  
And plant a house in it past the shanty town limits  
Where the angry crowds picket, pick a hand-me-down image  
And be an average bloke, the same person that you know  
That hates work but has to go to pay for the back he broke

Toilin' in the fields, what's the point of puttin' poison in their meals  
When a coin will have them oilin' up the wheels?  
For the rich man's chariot they're carrying  
A figjam arrogance and shrink-wrapped happiness  
(Hand it out) Same shit, different brand name  
(Gather 'round) Same slip, different cash claim  
Wait, welcome to the day it was rocket science  
And watch grey become a ying-yang compromise  
Throw the canary down the mineshaft  
With a gas mask for the last laugh, tip your bar staff  
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And welcome to the day that the daisy chain  
Breaks from the weight and strain, but everythin' remains the same  
And welcome to the day that the painter came  
Astounded every critic with a thousand different shades of grey  
And welcome to the day that the sweat from every brow  
Was ours to keep and every pawn was proudly crowned a queen  
And welcome to the night that while the captain slept  
We abandoned ship with our lanterns lit singing  
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