

Drinking In The Day

The Tossers

Well I met her up on Leeson Street of a Tuesday afternoon
In Summer's fallen colours, sulking back to school
I asked her would she linger, and she asked me would she stay
Would she keep a girl in company, drinking in the day?

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Drinking... not thinking
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We'll go drinking in the day

She was almost a woman, she was going on sixteen
She asked me to go walking, In Saint Stephen's Green
She said I love the sunshine, and to hear the children play.
But I won't be distracted when I'm drinking in the day.

With her flashing eyes and milk white lies she looked like a song
Like the ghost of a woman that first made me go wrong
She said I'll have a drink with you but I said you'll have to pay
For a comprehensive education
Drinking in the day

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If her mother could have seen us on that bright November day
Botticelli and his angel perambulating Ormand Quay
A drunken blessed virgin, me rhetorious and gay
Bestowing ancient wisdom as to what made me this way

Well here it is:
Deny your friends and family
To serve you must betray
Break and enter heaven
Well you'll steal but never save
Well you'll squander every penny
And you'll empty every heart
And you'll travel every darkened road
You'll never finish what you start
And you'll always talk to strangers
And make love with whom you may
For God will find good company
for your drinking in the day

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So spend your youth on poetry, and spend your cash at play
Every line upon my face is for a girl who went away
A kiss, and a song, are fleeting things and fame will always stray
So I'll tell the truth, the best spent youth, is the one you throw away

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