## **Eulogy**

Thou

Drink deep of your mortality Accept the blueprint for non-achievement The well-tread path of capitulation Bury the suffering and the ecstasies

When will the old gods be avenged?

Extol a life of compromise Resigned to quiet submission

Welcome boredom and banal normality Farewell to joy and laughter and trust

Welcome fear, suspicion, and hatred

There is the stench of the gathering of flies You have the look of a strangled child

You have the look of a hollow shell You have the look of a rotting corpse Entombed under intolerable weight In the delusions of wish fulfillment

Escape the standards of youth, find sanctuary

In a cringing half life

It's called moving on, it's called growing up
It's called giving up

Lurking in the shadow, the shadow of your past Lurking in the blackness of acquiescence

Pathetic acceptance