

Quarry

Wednesday

The rain-

rotted house on the dead end of Baytree, old bitter lady
Sits caddy corner to the aftershock from the quarry
She says "America's a spoiled child that's ignorant of grief"
But then she gives out full-sized candy bars on Halloween

We had to add it to the tab
To die we'd have to settle up
But we just go until we can't
Or burn it down to feel the heat

The Kletz brothers parents fight in the yard in their underwear
Bobby and Jimmy sit in the baby pool with lice in their hair
They have scoliosis from constant slumps in misery
Flat parts on their crew cuts from laying their heads on their knees

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Georgie set fire to acres of cotton settin' off model rockets
The kid from the Jewish family got the preachers kid pregnant
They sent her off and we never heard too much more about it
The sweet talk never lasts and you learn to go on without it

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Somebody called the cops on Mandy and her boyfriend
When they busted in they found that her house was a front for a mob thing
Pulled guns and cocaine from the drywall wrapped in newspaper
We gathered in the tall grass and watched unblinking as they cuffed 'em and hauled 'em away

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When we give up we go
To sleep