# THE ANARCHIST

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Warning: this book is not for anyone I know, anyone who has aged too quickly.

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The New Age Inner Peace Prostituted to Other People's Ideas A Nice Big Burger It's An Honour For Me Are You Cool? I Played Video Games for Ten Years I Failed My Last Physics Exam Get A Pint of Milk Mom, Come and Find Your Son Cock-Teaser Go Fuck Yourself, Arsehole You Abused Me Sex? Sign These Contracts... Twenty-Six Cameras Watch Me When I Shit The Nevada Desert **Anarchist Theory** A New Life For Sale Descent Into Hell Anorexia Nervosa Creating A New World Another Mutilated Body Death Valley Just When I Thought I'd Understood I've Said It All A Swamp Full of Tadpoles I Understand My Frankenstein's Monster Is Already At Large in the Crowd Who Do You Think You Are? When You Dream of Glory, I Wank A Little Hitler in the Making Innocence Is Never Innocent For Too Long Oh My God! You Opened the Gates of Hell If I Were Einstein In The Depths of the Marais Church Street What I've Found in the Holy Bible of the Hotel The Hidden Knowledge of **Things** The Voice of a Generation I'm Making History I Am God the Father I Want to Shit All Over You

Living in Infinity

With It

Dear God, Let Me Be Done

No Forgiveness

## The Collective Soul is Rotting

Perverted animal, knowing the whole world of sex I've thoroughly penetrated you and I remember This makes me just as perverted as you Aren't we happy together In our slum, forever arguing And getting nowhere Life is sweet when there's nothing but perversion To lead us to the heights Being there with you I meet human consciousness head on Observing, recognising itself, and dying with us The collective soul is just as rotten as ours Because we are its progeny

## No Faith, No Hope

Ah, I must empty my heart Of all its rottenness I'm so far from fulfilment and inner peace I yearn to die as I yearn to kill No light on the horizon And yet I know all about mysticism Know how to reach spirituality Find God But it's all from the mind Nothing from the heart I'm incapable of love But capable of death My sensitivity is useless I could destroy humanity with my violent thoughts No faith, no hope

## I'm Corrupt

I'm corrupt As corrupt as you could have wished I'm corrupt to the marrow of my bones I suffer from an incurable disease Fluttering in my brain Gnawing at my bones and offering me doubt Pain, unhappiness I walk with the weight of my guilt Through streets punctuated with churches Knowing right from wrong at last and doing wrong They've got me My thoughts are no longer my own I've fallen into their net I've listened, swallowed, digested I suffer from an incurable disease Called God

## **Being Nothing**

I'm an explosion of places

A multitude of times

There are several versions of me

I follow this path or that while believing I'm following my destiny

But it makes me suffer so much

To know I'm following a beaten track and living too intensely

I try to accept, to experience, everything

Although I could easily spare myself

I'm an explosion of places
A multitude of times
I chase all sorts of possibilities
I follow this path or that, I'm my own destiny
It makes me suffer so much
But I'm learning to get acquainted with life

#### Acquainted with the lives of others They're just like mine

I'm an explosion of places A multitude of times But I still feel I'm nothing Grubby and ugly, empty and worthless How can such a heap of meat follow a destiny?

## Virtual Sheep, My Only Love!

Three minutes have gone by The world begins to wonder Where is it now?

Then my heart beats wildly

I turn on my computer and click on my electronic sheep It looks at me, hums, walks around and produces strange noises This really cheers me up

My little sheep . . .

Then I begin to cry, for everything there is to cry about Then it sneezes and I'm happy again for a moment It jumps higher and higher Leaps up on to the words in these lines And this really cheers me up

And I realise that I really love this virtual sheep That it's the only thing in the whole world that can stop me crying But then I realise just how sad I've become When a virtual animal is all that I have And I really don't know what I'd do without it

And I cry more than ever

How could I have become so sad?

## Let's Go to Mass on Sunday

I went into a church on Sunday With the latest edition of Let Us Pray in Church I kissed the congregation, fulfilling my destiny Doing a favour to those in need of love The priest smiled broadly, delighting in this joyous Mass He thanked me and absolved me from my sins Absolution, nothing too wicked for God to forgive

I went into a church on Sunday With the latest model of a gun I fired on the congregation, fulfilling my destiny Doing a favour to those who no longer saw clearly The priest smiled broadly, delighting in this deathly Mass He thanked me and absolved me from my sins Absolution, nothing too wicked for God to forgive

## **Your Children Are All Empty Vessels**

(and Sex-Obsessed!)

I've watched them, hyperactive and spiteful Utterly empty-headed, blissful in their ignorance Vegetables, like me, in the scheme of things Learning stupidities for filling little pitchers But they're all cracked, spilling their contents on the floor instead of being able to act or question authority

Not one of them who doesn't dream of flying out the window Or making love with the person next to them Most of them are already on drugs And you, for the love of heaven, want to see these empty vessels do well Your empty vessels will be successful and cracked at the same time No matter, your children will be cracked for all eternity How beautiful life is when your truth pours out from the mouths of your children

#### The Anarchist

I sacrifice myself for one and all I come forward telling the truth Bearing witness, as I must, to my experience I describe my perversion, my immorality, in detail Listen, they spit on me, trample me, and I don't give a toss any more I'm here, it's today I'm not, unlike you, a mass of defences, ready to spring into action A tissue of falsehoods for justifying my failures Fifty-six ways to camouflage the truth Here it is utterly naked in front of you Open your eyes and learn a lesson from it You'll never be better than me You'll never be worth more than me I'm the one who confronts life I'm the one who confronts truth

## Have a Nice Cup of Tea, My Dear

«We don't need all this violence, this rowdy music, these indecent pictures» «When you're older, you'll change, you'll understand, I hope» «You've got two choices left: law or medicine» «You've got to have this diploma and these qualifications at least» «What you should do now is watch others and do as they do» «Why aren't you doing it?» «Where were you last night? Your life is ruled by sex» «You don't dabble in drugs, I hope. Remember alcohol's a drug too» «You have no idea of right and wrong» «You must keep trying, one day you'll get it right» «Have a nice cup of tea, my dear» And choke on it!

#### I'll Tell What's Normal

It's the truth as you'll never know it It's serial infidelity by women as much as by men It's such a revulsion with life that a whole chemist's shop couldn't cure it It's separation, divorce, depression, abortion It's short-lived affairs where sex is what matters most It's a decent bottle of Scotch or of Cognac It's a packet of cigarettes harbouring cancer to gnaw at your guts It's random, street-corner death for a thousand and one reasons It's a struggle for power or money where no one's the outright winner It's a high-class bitch who knows everything and subjects you to her morals from hell It's a whore who's been humped by a businessman and dies from an overdose of coke It's a gaggle of neuroses meeting up to reinforce each other It's the Pope saying the opposite of what he thinks in the name of we don't know what It's a country owned by big, rich companies It's lives in hock to banks

It's ubiquitous hypocrisy It's institutionalised slavery It's political corruption at every level It's God dead and buried

## I Fucked the Town Slag

Resplendent in her lovely garish frock Breasts bursting with hormones Wig of hair piled half a yard at least on top of her head She was really beautiful, my slag Singing to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day Counting her ex-boy friends in the bar, they came to far too many I took her, just as she was, back to my hotel room They must have thought I'd found a whore and not been too fussy about it But I kissed her, sucked her, fucked her inside out, my slag She was as docile as a bitch on heat who asks for more, my slag I should have snatched the wig off my slag Deflated the ballooning breasts of my slag

Clawed off her frock and her buttocks, my slag
Finally killed her with pleasure, my slag
Last night I fucked the town slag
And now I feel free

#### It's Par for the Course in New York

I'd hardly set foot in this great American city and already we were having sex in a taxi «But that's par for the course in New York» Then we went out, found ourselves at an orgy, with everyone at it all round us «But that's par for the course in New York» Then we met a surgeon, aged seventy, who wanted us to make up a threesome «But that's par for the course in New York» Then I met a hundred and one people you'd slept with in one year «But that's par for the course in New York» Then I saw your sixty credit cards, all of them over the limit «But that's par for the course in New York» For you I worked in a mafia restaurant, swarming with rats and cockroaches «But that's par for the course in New York» I met your psychiatrist friend who prescribed some amazing pills for me «But that's par for the course in New York» With you I caught several sexually transmitted diseases «But that's par for the course in New York» I even saved you from a drug-induced suicide where you coughed up blood «But that's par for the course in New York» For all those things, I love you «Ah, that's not par for the course in New York»

## Drink Up Your Whisky, Old Girl, and Cheat Death

Every day God grants, I get up and go to the Off Licence
I buy two half-bottles of whisky for the old girl dying of cancer
She's got three months to live, they tell me, so I say to her:
Drink up your whisky, old girl, and cheat death!
It's been five years now since they first gave her three months to live

So the whisky is obviously keeping her going And so every day God grants I get up and go the Off Licence I buy two half-bottles of whisky for the old girl dying of cancer and I tell her: Drink up your whisky, old girl, and cheat death! Knowing it's God who's sent me, she thanks me profusely Taking the first glass diluted with water, then drinking it neat Next day the nurse finds her out cold, picks up the empty bottles Crosses herself but remarks that it seems to work better than morphine So every day God grants I get up and go to the Off Licence I buy two half-bottles of whisky for the old girl dying of cancer and I tell her: Drink up your whisky, old girl, and cheat death!

#### We're Not a Lost Generation

I watched you from the back of the bar, felt sorry for you Blatantly lacking in personality, you were just a hanger-on Lost, new to this world, you walk wondering if you have the right to do so But come on, for the love of heaven, get up and walk! Stop breathing in what others have breathed out Direct your energy to your surroundings Claim your place, be a mover and shaker of this world We're not a lost generation We're a generation landed with ramshackle structures This is no time for stupefaction, it's a time to destroy and rebuild Motivation destruction inspiration construction Come on, my boy, we'll make a man of you yet

#### The Alchemist

Me, an anarchist? No way, my friend, you're quite mistaken I'm an alchemist, which is altogether something else I transform the rotten human heart into something palatable Capitalism and Communism into something else not yet invented Compulsory moral values into something not yet invented

The whole human race into something not yet invented
Sublimation of everything into something other
Than the systematic destruction of everything
This is no mean claim
Anarchy exists, is necessary for change, but never lasts long
Soon people are killing each other and someone then takes control
Anarchy is not enough, we must have alchemy
That's why I'm an alchemist

#### **HELL HELP**

Without hell, no heaven
Without the devil, no God
Without mediocrity, no excellence
Without death, no life
Without darkness, no light
Without unhappiness, no happiness
Without immorality, no morality
Without mortality, no immortality
Without perversion, no purity
Without evil, no good
Evil is therefore essential
Long live evil!

#### I Strike and I Kill

In a world of competition I've learned my lesson well
Out of my way, punk, or you'll get what the others got
You can judge me, destroy me, condemn me
But you'll have that on your conscience
Take advantage of the situation, strike, kill, step into your victim's shoes
Even when you revel in it, we call this climbing the ladder
You get there with motivation but mainly with a good kick up the arse
The best killers are those who get to the top
Pope, King, President, Prime Minister, Minister

Swanning around in limos when they don't have their private jets

Lesser weasels have waded through shoals of shit to get where they are

You'll find them heading companies, organisations, financial and educational institutions

We don't get to the top by accident, integrity would kill us

Everywhere I follow the social pattern

I strike and I kill

## **Outside Buckingham Palace**

The other day, looking the harmless tourist, I was strolling by Buckingham Palace

I looked at the flowers, although it was dark,
not knowing if the Queen could see me from her royal window
Unluckily for me I had a weapon but we should be allowed to defend ourselves,
even against the Queen
They trained their guns on me, all round me the click of their catches
I went on examining the flowers, though fully aware of the threat
Lights blazed, loudspeakers began to bellow
Puzzled and panicked, I took out my weapon, held it up under the lights
They stepped back, their guns clicking again (the first time being only a warning)
They all took a look at my weapon: a harmless tourist's camera
- You bunch of idiots, I was looking at the flowers!

#### Flush It All Down the Loo

Yesterday, having nothing to eat and nowhere to go, I went to look for a job
I found the three tallest buildings in town, the ones over fifty floors
The first one said Bank of something or other
-Good morning, I've seen your wonderful premises,
the thousands of jobs you have, so here I am
«But, my boy, we're serious here, we work hard»
-Oh? And what do you do? I'm hungry and I need a place to sleep
«Well, we manage everyone's money and deal with economics»
-Do people need all this to have their money managed and their economics dealt with?
«Get out, you ignorant fool, you don't understand how modern businesses work!»
The second huge building was called something like Mutual Life

«Here we sell insurance, pensions, Treasury benefits, formalities galore» -But what you're selling is wind! And you charge a fortune for that? «Wind, is it? Insolent upstart! Our services are all essential and legally ratified, The papers drawn up by the best professionals, it's a lot of hard work! There are 25,000 people working in this building!» - What? 25,000 professionals with nice fat salaries for filling and filing forms? «Get out, young innocent, get wise to the real world, the great big serious world of modern business» The third huge building was filled to the brim with lawyers, spilling out of the top-floor windows -I want a lawyer at once to help me understand my rights and liberties in these companies «And how much money do you have, young man?» -One dollar, look how lovely the Queen is on my dollar «Get out, you cheeky young fool, you'd need 500,000 of those dollars to hire a lawyer And even at that price he'd be crooked!» Poor innocent that I am, I must have missed the boat

## **Stop Puking All Over Me**

Fine by me going out with you Fine by me drinking half the bar with you Fine by me making dangerous love with various objects tearing my insides Fine by me exchanging our sighs and saliva till we choke on our own CO<sub>2</sub> No problem piercing genital organs with rings Bring me your instruments of torture, your whips, your leather gear, your wedding dresses Hard drugs too, you know I love you, I'd do anything for you, even die of an overdose If you rape me like an animal I don't mind Introduce me to Satanism, the Black Mass with animal sacrifice, that's still fine Throw me out on the street for three days, then take me back, that's OK I'm happy to go to those places where they swap partners And watch illegal porno films where people do unbelievable, unimaginable things The hell you offer me I accept as paradise If you want me to piss in your mouth or shit on your face, I'm still up for it But please, please, stop puking all over me

#### **God Loves Me**

Quickly, quickly, I went down the stairs of a dark sleazy club in New York

Someone injected me with something which brought me straight back to the surface

Even higher than the surface, I travelled through space

Angels surrounded me, like countless embodiments of the Virgin Mary

How wonderful I felt!

Absolute fulfilment which only the truly spiritual can reach

I found myself face to face with God

God said to me:

I love you!

It hit me like a huge gust of fresh air, I stayed stunned by it Back on earth I took a plane to see my friends and tell them the good news:

God loves me!

They called the police and I found myself in a psychiatric hospital where I stayed for several days

I went through a cure of total detox (although they prescribed other drugs for me)

Now I see clearly:

God doesn't love me!

## My Life Is Ruled By Sex

...and the same thing the next day

Whether it's the tube to Piccadilly Circus or the subway to Washington Square

I've only got one destination: SOHO

I go to the village, go into a pub or a club

Parade my spare-time English, my sad little eyes, my innocent face,

looking all round me at once!

And it's going on in every direction, all sides, I must learn to control myself

Then suddenly someone looks at me, this is the green light

In less than a second there I am there

So you live with your parents? You're a Catholic?

No, no, what am I saying ...:

You want to come to my place?

And there we make love like a storm unleashed from the sky
We kiss each other all over, lick, devour, masturbate, cry out and come

Afterwards we lie back, neither of us asks any questions, we part And the same thing the next day...

## **Poor Little Thing**

He's got new shoes, poor little thing He lives with his parents, poor little thing He goes to the University of Toronto, poor little thing He's got a career in front of him, poor little thing He's got a good job now, poor little thing He's saving thousands of dollars, poor little thing Soon he'll buy a house, poor little thing He's got a beautiful blonde on his arm, poor little thing He'll have children, poor little thing He'll have a condo in Florida, poor little thing He'll have a whole apartment block in the centre of Toronto, poor little thing He'll be rich, his fortune amassing over the years, poor little thing But he'll be unhappy, poor little thing None of his dreams coming true, poor little thing At fifty he'll go through his menopause, poor little thing He won't understand, he'll have regrets, be remorseful, poor little thing His uneventful past will resurface, he'll find plenty to be sorry about, poor little thing He'll need help and drugs, poor little thing Then cancer will carry him off, poor little thing Poor little thing

## My Head's About to Explode

This morning, in the next hour, this is what I should do: My tax returns A CV and some job applications Answer letters, pay bills Deal with demands from my bank about my overdraft Find some money and something to eat Find somewhere to live, I'm being evicted in two days

Find the love of my life, I'm in despair My head's about to explode In fact, what I have to do this morning is this: Sell some of my non-essential belongings Buy an airline ticket for who cares where Take a look at what's left then: nothing Start all over again My head's about to explode! In fact what I really have to do this morning is much simpler: Go to sleep and never wake up again

#### I Pissed on the Sorbonne

The bells of the Sorbonne are ringing It's the day I wrecked my whole course The day I abandoned it all And then got completely rat-arsed On wine like a real old wino I burnt all my papers Junked all my notes I ran through the streets Saint-Germain, Saint-Michel To the Place de la Sorbonne, came to a halt I unzipped, I pissed Yes, I pissed on the Sorbonne, but that's nothing, I should have shat on it

## I Love My Sugar Daddy

He holds me with his shaking hands, asks me for a kiss We sit on a balcony overlooking Central Park He falls asleep with his head on my stomach, listening to it rumble Oh my dear sugar daddy, where would I be without you? In the street, where I spend all my time You feed me, listen to me, appreciate me You see in me what no one else can see

In your eyes I'm master of everything The world belongs to me, I just have to reach out my hand According to you I'm intelligent, handsome, a part of this world He watches me as best he can, gets me to sign bills for him I drive him wherever he wants in his Mercedes, go with him to concerts, the theatre, five-star restaurants He feels he can never do enough for me, is afraid I'll disappear without warning He swears absolute fidelity, keeps me company every minute of my life He gives me affection, shares his cat's affection with me too He takes me to his holiday home in Connecticut, his condo in Fort Lauderdale Opens his bar to me, goes with me through the wonderful throes of alcohol He takes me by the arm, I support him as he walks He really loves me and I love him in return He talks about his will, but I don't want to hear about it Head waiters smile at our entrance, but I ignore them I'm travelling first class now, when I used to hang around street corners Our friends are all worthwhile people, cultured and civilised I help him to dress, he helps me to undress He likes to see me asleep and naked in his bed, he watches over me He washes me, nothing in the world gives him more pleasure, he thinks I have «a magnificent dick» He knows how to thank me in his own way, opens the doors of the world to me He's the only person who thinks I'm someone I love falling asleep in his arms

# Vaginaphobia

He's my only father

I see her coming a long way off, give her a big, embarrassed smile

Her eyes insist, but I'm still shy

She takes the initiative, buys me a glass of wine

And we talk about a thousand and one things, music, poetry, the eternal flame

She lives in the West End, carries me in off in her BMW, even opens the door for me

She invites me to a restaurant in a hotel in Baker Street

I'm the only one listening to the pianist playing Brahms in the background

She tells me she's rich and successful, socially and otherwise

She becomes more insistent, I more uncomfortable

When she shows her legs I feel a wave of nausea Finally she puts her hand on me, asks me up to her room I go up with her, we make ourselves at home, I've had several glasses of wine She undresses me slowly, so far so good She puts my penis in her mouth, so far I'm still breathing She puts her finger up my arse, then licks it, I'm very impressed But then she insists that I take off her skirt Where's the emergency exit? I take off her shirt, her tie, her waistcoat and her skirt There she is naked in front of me, a big lump, her cunt prominent My friend, it's time to take flight!

#### I'm Your Leader

I head a new Anarchist movement, proclaiming the advent of a new Christ In other words, me

I gather together those who are sickened by life Those who can no longer bear the weight of rules and laws Who no longer want to hear what they must or must not do Who have had enough of living by the precepts of other people I'm your leader

Through me we'll make them listen to reason We'll destroy their way of thinking and ruling We'll rethink the world I've come to this world to clean up the Capitalist system I've come to this world to call everything into question You're going to hear us You're going to stop in your tracks You're going to think about what you're doing

#### I'm Unreachable

You're going to see that I'm right

Who am I? A name on an endless list Where am I? In West 9, Fourteenth arrondissemnt,

88th Street uptown, Church Street downtown How am I really living, what am I really saying? How do you find me, talk to me, tell me your problems? How to sit down with me and listen before you start judging me? Words on a page, we know what they're worth I'm no one and everyone at the same time I'm just a vague shape but I walk with you every day Turn your head and you'll see me I'm your innate unconscious I tell you what you want to hear The life you'd like to live without ever admitting it, especially to other people Perhaps you don't dream enough Achieving nothing fit to be recorded in the balance-sheet of a passionate life Could you die today and say: everything's been achieved, I can die happy, I've done what I set out to do, What I burned to do from the very core of my being? Who am I? Who am I?

## I'm Irresponsible

Do I really exist and where do I really want to be?

I can't hold down a job It's impossible for me to sit still I suck people's blood till I've bled them dry I always manage somehow to take a plane somewhere I footle about all day Look for affection on street corners Spend all the money which has the misfortune to find its way into my pockets I despise everybody without exception I despise everything without exception Life has no meaning for me I celebrate death in my free time Drink alcohol the way you drink water Smoke something some countries forbid Do worse than that, but I know when to shut up I'm irresponsible But I live life to the full

#### My Mea Culpa

Must we pay for our mistakes? Can we be forgiven a life of misery? Where do I go for a refund? I want to take back this life which I don't remember asking for I've lost it in trying as best I could to make it liveable Nothing works, I promise you Always and everywhere unlucky I pay all the time for the least of my actions Will you forgive me the hell I've made of my life? Will you understand it's better than the hell you've prepared for me? I was born sick, seriously so I'm in no way responsible for my destiny Couldn't sit happily in my own skin Nothing could have kept me alive if I'd had to work a nine to five day Hear my will, while there's still time I leave you the guilt of my existence Stuff it up your arse

#### My Devolution, My Revolution

The more I go forward, the more I get bogged down The evolution of the human race must be following the same path An evolution in reverse Going in the opposite direction to the one it should normally take But hang on a moment Which direction should we be going in to make it evolution? Up or down, where's up, where's down? Can we help getting bogged down when everything directs us to death? An evolution in reverse, if such it can be called, is still evolution Evolution has so many implications, the getting of knowledge Personal experiences unknown to those who think them evil I know more than that about life, see much further

## **Throw Me Away After Use**

I'm non-returnable, even if it's against the law Can't be recycled, the machine wouldn't know what to do with me All I'm fit for is burial in some remote spot Where I'll be forgotten far from any organized society I only knew how to lose myself every which way in its dregs I thought I could reach the heights by going in by the back door But I despised those heights too much I'm worthless, I'm nothing I reject as a matter of course whatever could make me valuable Whatever could make something of me My mind can't accept any sort of label I do talk, but no one ever listens to me No one has ever listened to me Because no one ever listens to anyone All they've done is to watch me, interpret me from afar My life is only just beginning but already I've drawn up a balance sheet Have I lived too much in so short a time? And what use is living too much, I've had nothing out of it Sometimes someone takes me, swallows me, appreciates me for a fraction of a second Then they've had enough, spit me out again I'm worthless, I'm nothing

## Step Into My Hell

Life isn't worth the effort of living

Come on, come in and share my hell I'm at home here in the warm It's comforting when it's cold outside and in Sorry there's nothing left to eat, that's one of the joys of my hell It keeps me alert, seeing human misery quite clearly

There's plenty to drink, though, a bottle of French wine tonight:

La Vieille Ferme, Côtes du Ventoux

My survival depends on drink more than on food

I'm going out tonight, come with me

We'll listen to a rhythm wild enough to wake up your heart

Make it beat at the right speed to lift you outside the walls of your life

I'm going to meet someone who'll show me a new universe

You too can share it

Hear life being discussed, people existing

Revealing all their secrets to complete strangers

Because I'm a complete stranger, more to my family than to all those unknowns that I meet

Step into my hell

Once you come to understand it, perhaps it won't be hell any more

But you won't come to understand it

Just as I won't come to understand you

Must we for that reason try to wipe out one another?

There never was a war without loss of life

I've got nothing to lose, you've got nothing to gain

If there must be a fight, I'll fight

If you want war, I'll wage it

If I have to kill you, I'll kill you

I've got nothing to lose, you've got nothing to gain

Step into my hell...

#### Come With Me and I'll Show You the World

You're so handsome, so young and not yet disillusioned with life
You admire me, think I've done everything you'll never dare to do
Here's Church Street, Woody's, Boot's, John, George and Henry
It's not a bad beginning but let's go further south
Here's Greenwich Village, the Crow Bar, Splash, John, George and Henry
Have a cigarette, have a beer, we'll go back in a taxi
Here's Old Compton Street, Soho village, Popstarz, John, George and Henry
Smoke this joint, let that melt in your mouth, sniff this, undress
Here's the Marais, the subway, the Queen, Jeannette, Georgette and Henrietta
There you are, now you know about the world
Don't expect to find anyone better than me

Because you'll only find everywhere John, George and Henry or various versions of them

## Is it My Fault if I Don't Get a Hard On?

How did you get to be so cold? Slow and uninterested at first, then suddenly passionate No communication, meetings arranged through a go-between Me torturing myself all day because we'd said nothing about the night Forget the candlelit dinner, romance and flowers Was there any desire? What did you do to fan the flame? We screwed each other without human warmth Then we had to get drunk to do it I did my best in the circumstances, three joints before bed, but to no effect Two people in my bed at the same time, I don't even recognise myself But if the person I fancy decides to leave us together... Then all I see in you is that first impression you gave me, how can you expect me to get a hard on? Bring back the third person and maybe we'll make it You brought him back, we made it, but at what price? You think you don't excite me You think only the love of your life excites me I've introduced jealousy into your relationship Destruction, that's my passion But it's only with you that I don't get a hard on It's not my fault and it's not down to drugs!

## Flee, Flee, Flee!

Leave and go anywhere else London, Paris, New York, Toronto When everything's going wrong When people don't understand each other When you don't look straight at me but glance to right or left When your parents try to convince me I've got the wrong number so that I can't reach you When my social life is truly bankrupt because my studies take precedence When shame, guilt and even nostalgia are killing me

Let's sprinkle it all with whisky, Canadian Club, and make our sign of the cross Flee, flee, flee!

As soon as anyone criticises me, no matter what for Looking on me as less than nothing (which is entirely true) Taking me for an idiot to be exploited all the way and back Abusing me as much as they can and may, even within the law You can trample all over me, spit in my face and finish me off altogether I've still got the option of flight

Flee, flee, flee!

When the brain stops responding to the body When my IQ goes up (against nature) by a notch When I start to act like an idiot, talking to myself or crying in the dark My only solution, utter forgetfulness, complete renewal, rebirth Flee, flee, flee!

## I'm Going to Shoot Myself

I want to do it without causing trouble or sorrow My family have long since forgotten me, how could they feel the impact of the shot? I want to make sure that no one ever finds me Spare myself a funeral, the fire and the urn Leap into the ether and never come down again Bury myself in the earth and never come up for air Sink to the bottom of the sea and never resurface Travel through infinite space without arriving anywhere Become utter nothingness, with no remains in refrigerators or elsewhere Burn up everything I've touched, even my own ashes Be sublimated into energy which will lose itself among the stars I've got to stop myself from thinking, finish myself off for good, not half-heartedly Stop all the torment and wild fantasies Blow all the circuits of memory capable of retaining any token of my presence on earth I have no pity for anyone, least of all for myself Forgive me! I wanted nothing more than to live! But living is impossible...

## **Your Flowers Smell Like Christ Decomposing!**

You waited patiently for the deadly boring workday to come to an end You walked quickly, at random, to wherever I might be I was with someone else but willing to free myself for you Doubtlessly thinking I was French You'd bought red wine, baguettes and some weird, smelly blue cheese Miserable cow, I've got nothing to do with France France threw me out, I can't legally live there You see? I speak English now and I'm proud of it! Where do I come from? Nowhere

You persisted, airing all the romantic ideas you'd amassed You were wondering how to improve your behaviour, temperament, manners Talk about love, complicated friendship, perhaps the start of a love affair, fidelity You know very well I was stuck where I was

You didn't even mention the marriage or the arrangements for divorce Then, when you produced your flowers smelling like Christ decomposing, it was too much Go on, pack up your goods and get out of my life

#### You're so Sweet!

That's what you said to me the first time I kissed your neck I took you in my arms and you told me I was nice and sweet and all Then you rejected me: You're so sweet, but . . .

All the same, next day you learned more about me and we talked about your hometown, Seattle You saw a sensitive soul, wearing his heart on his sleeve (old, outmoded English phrase) A soul so pure and sweet that no one reading these lines could understand the paradox That night you lit candles, put on some hackneyed classical music which everybody knows I was hardly dressed but played the innocent who doesn't know what effect he's having

> I went out for a moment but came back for a cigarette You were dressed strangely for the night, very exciting

I came close to pouncing on you and raping you there and then

But I stopped myself, to be sure of being able to see you one more time

Then, when you threw me out, you made the mistake of giving me one last kiss for the night

At once I got a hard-on and we both got carried away

You asked me to put out the candles so as to hide your old body

You made love like someone rediscovering his joie de vivre, the happiness of existence
You gave me more warmth and energy than I would ever have thought possible
You confessed that the age difference between us had caused a psychological block
(But no, I'm of age, you won't go to prison, don't worry)

Thirty-one isn't old, you know

You're capable of such tenderness, such wonders
In fact you're the one who's so sweet and that's unforgettable

#### I Go from One Extreme to the Other

As with everything in this world, there's no happy medium

Everything goes right or everything goes wrong

And my reactions are extreme

Either I'm having such a good time that I could die of happiness

(Sometimes just watching the movement of a snail)

Or I want to die drowned in drink

(sometimes just seeing a snail crushed at the side of the road)

I'll draw down the moon for you or I'll cut off your head and bury you

I'm on a strict diet or eating to bursting point like a pig

I'll dance at the edge of the cliff but sometimes I need a darkened room, hermetically sealed I insult people and lose all my friends or I shower them with more flowers than they can bear I get through a task by working on it twenty-four hours a day or I do nothing at all

I'm an extremist

As with everything in this world, there's no happy medium Everything goes right or everything goes wrong

## The Meat Between a Woman's Legs

Yes, someone told me about it, I know it exists

It seems it has a strange colour and texture, an aphrodisiac scent

I've discussed it at length with priests

Advertising agencies and business men

In high-minded purely intellectual conversations

It's an interesting concept, a marketable product

We should draw up a strategy, avoid all pitfalls

Sell it fairly expensively but target the right consumers It's a good marketing ploy, a gilt-edged industry Yes, I have to admit it has certain undeniable qualities

#### From the Moment When . . .

From the moment when . . .

You're worth nothing any more and it's written in the stars That you've failed at everything and have no future That everyone's rejected you, parents and the love of your life That you've got no more food and it's only by a miracle that you've survived this long That you're lost at five o'clock in the morning in the middle of some strange town with nowhere to sleep

Then real life begins

The life where you have no more hang-ups, no more shame No morality, no outmoded values Not answerable to anyone Then I indulge myself to death I make my base in London

I go out, drink, smoke, take drugs, and rave the night away And when I'm lost in the Underground on my way to the centre of town, I'm ecstatic! I revel in my total freedom

I'm so far away from all those people who say things should be this way and not that I'm far away from the ones who live in the past and have no hope in the future, without even taking a look at the present

Ah well, as for me, I've never lived as much as I do in the present From the moment when everything you've ever known no longer exists, life begins

## **Love is Sweet**

We've been head over heels in love for four years We don't understand each other any more but try to be faithful We cook ourselves nice little dinners Broccoli soup with cream, charlottes with maple syrup We sleep together in a queen-size bed, hardly ever snore

We go together to the cinema, go shopping together Everyone knows about our relationship and accepts it gladly Life couldn't be sweeter

But . . . where did we meet?

What no one knows is that we met in the bog at a bar in town There's nothing more romantic

A dark room filled with smoke at about two o'clock in the morning I'd just arrived, was already drunk

I'd been smoking something dodgy, couldn't see very well You gave me a lift home saying perhaps we'd see each other again at the end of term I gave you the wrong phone number

You gave me crabs in the first month of our relationship And now today that love is dead All that's left in my head are the worst moments For a long time I wished you dead Every year you left me in the lurch to look around elsewhere The little friends you slept with would come and ring our doorbell

> You're a complete slut Today I feel free beyond description Love is sweet . . .

#### Death

I lay there in silence Blood dripping on the ground I didn't see your gun I'm dying for you You've never understood anything Unknown in the big city Lost for days on end without seeing you Waiting for you in Ottawa or in Paris Where were you then when I was still alive?

> I'm lying here in silence Listening to myself die My gun in the bracken I'm dying for you

I've never understood anything Unknown in the big city Lost for days on end seeing you in my dreams Waiting for you in Prague or in Texas So where are you now that I'm dead?

I'm lying here in silence Listening to you die Whose gun was it? You're dying for me We've never understood anything Unknown in big cities Lost for days on end without seeing each other Waiting for each other in Toronto or in London Where are we now that we're dead?

## **Anarchy on Earth**

#### Oh God!

They were all born in their own little world They all interpreted your existence according to their own ideas They all wrote their own bible and believed in it They all thought they knew everything They all thought they were right They all waged war to impose their own ideas They all killed in your name

#### Oh God!

Did you want so many nations and such wretchedness? So many births and deaths? Can pardon, absolution, ever come from all this hell? We're born, we die, just where we are Freedom of thought has never motivated us We all have our own laws, our own ways of doing things They all waged war for their own ends They all killed in your name

#### Oh God!

Didn't you want us to convert our enemy? Didn't you want us to understand our enemy? Didn't you want us to help our enemy? Didn't you want us to love our enemy even if he kills us? They all waged war They all killed in your name They're all guilty You probably wanted anarchy on earth?

## **Anarchy**

Anarchy is being aware in ourselves that something else exists Anarchy is thinking differently from the rest of the world Anarchy is ridding ourselves of everything foreign to our desires Anarchy is doing what we've always wanted to do

Anarchy is something within ourselves Anarchy has nothing to do with anyone else Anarchy isn't fighting or destroying our own kind Anarchy isn't demonstrating in the street to denounce this or that

Anarchy is a revolution within It's the awareness that something else exists It's an existence that depends on no one else It's an intrinsic freedom guiding us towards happiness and joy

Anarchy isn't political Anarchy isn't racist or discriminatory Anarchy bears no ill will to anyone Anarchy is questioning everything again and again It's being above the things of this world It's the quest for a reason for living It's doing whatever makes us happy In a world where it's impossible to be happy

Anarchy is a revolution of the mind

Anarchy is a feeling of freedom In a world where there is no freedom And that's very powerful!

#### I Don't Give a Fuck About You

You think you know everything You analyse my every move You give me marks out of ten I don't give a toss

I'm above all that because I haven't yet achieved great things I live purely by necessity Survive purely by instinct If you're not happy, go fuck yourself

You've learned everything, know everything You know what's good and what's bad You have preconceived ideas as to what I should or shouldn't do You think you could do better Come on, then, let's have a laugh at your shortcomings You're still something better than I am? All the more reason to challenge and contradict you I don't give a fuck about you!

#### **Head in the Clouds?**

You're looking at me I'm not listening You attract my attention Your head's in the clouds!

I reply No, no, my head's not in the clouds

You watch me I'm somewhere else You panic You're head's in the clouds!

I reply No, no, my head's not in the clouds

> You spy on me You're infuriated You yell You're head's in the clouds!

I reply No, no, my head's not in the clouds I'm much further away than the clouds

#### **Illumination**

I saw light on the horizon Got out of my boat to hear more clearly Flew as far as the mountain A wave filled the sky Seductive music charmed me

> In that light I saw Sound travel over the fields Flying with bats over the canal Waves filled the sky And I understood

All the answers were there on the horizon In the smallest details in front of my eyes Light, sound, waves I flew all over the sky With the eagle eyes of the illuminated

#### If I Were A Woman

If I were a woman, I'd be beautiful If I were a woman, I'd be slim If I were a woman, I'd be clever If I were a woman, I'd be an engineer If I were a woman, I'd build a tower reaching up into space If I were a woman, I'd have 16 children who'd all be engineers If I were a woman, I'd understand everything happening around me If I were woman, I'd embrace human rights, the poor, the orphaned If I were a woman, I'd be president of the company If I were a woman, I'd be Joan of Arc If I were a woman, I'd be secretary-general of the United Nations But since I'm not a woman I'm going to fall asleep in front of the telly with my beer

#### If I Were President of the United States

If I were President of the United States, I'd speak in the name of God If I were President of the United States, I'd be a diehard Christian If I were President of the United States, I'd speak in the name of family values If I were President of the United States, I'd be heedful of my duty and good If I were President of the United States, I'd be firm and ruthless If I were President of the United States, I'd joyfully love everyone If I were President of the United States, I'd kill the terrorist enemy If I were President of the United States, I'd be old and wise If I were President of the United States, I'd be rich as Croesus If I were President of the United States, I'd build up a strong army If I were President of the United States, I'd develop an infallible defence system If I were President of the United States, I'd rule the world If I were President of the United States, I'd be pure If I were President of the United States, I'd be perfect If I were President of the United States, I'd be the most powerful man ever But since I'm not President of the United States, I'm going to the bog to wipe my bum

#### If I Were God

If I were God, I'd have created you, you miserable animal If I were God, I'd know what was going on in your underdeveloped brain If I were God, I'd laugh at your petty power of authority If I were God, your shortcomings would make me laugh If I were God, it wouldn't interest me how pure you were If I were God and you a delinquent in the making, I'd take an interest in you If I were God, all your laws and social niceties would be meaningless to me If I were God, I'd delight in watching you destroy yourself If I were God, I wouldn't listen to your self-serving prayers If I were God, one genocidal act more or less wouldn't mean the end of the world If I were God, I'd know just how wretched you were in all your apparent greatness If I were God, your life would be futile If I were God, your death would be futile If I were God, only my overall plan would count for anything If I were God, only what I'd foreseen for humanity would count If I were God, only the final reckoning after the death of humanity would count And since I am God I'm going to write your story

## **My Terrible Sentence**

Forgive me God for I have sinned I thought in my madness that I could save the world I thought I could make a difference I thought I had the power to change things

They deported me They put me in prison They stripped me of all the rights I'd been granted They stripped me of all the hope I'd built up for myself

I deserve it

I was deaf I was blind I wasn't up to it Now I'm silent Now I'm invisible Now I'm dead Is that what you want?

Now there can be no pardon No possible understanding No magic vision In my mind you're dead

Oh God, how your logic put us in the wrong How your will fails to move us How your wisdom is unknown to us My sentence is that of humanity

We've all sinned We've all thought we could save the world We've all thought we could make a difference We've all thought we had the power to change things

We all deserve death

#### **Madness**

A tortured soul like mine That has lost its direction On the right road to happiness That's complete madness

I take all souls with me in my torment In an endless madness at the brink of day All the outmoded constructions Which existed only in my imagination

Oh God . . . I see things I hear things Beyond my understanding

Save me! I'm at the beginning of time I'm at the end of time I'm infinite

Madness has got hold of my poor soul I've gone crazy Hear my prayer! It's as infinite as space

But in this universe I'm all-powerful I control the capabilities of everything I see beyond the horizon The nightmare of my existence

> I'm no longer myself I never was myself I'll never be myself Complete madness

#### Alone in the World

Oh yes, some nights I turn around And realise I'm alone in this space That there's no way in or out that can lead me to anyone else I'm alone in the world

I think about what's going on in the starry sky I'm trying to understand the reality around me I work on my own ideas, my own ideals I know that the rest of the world exists only in my imagination This is my life, what's in my mind With trees and the camp fire Nothing else exists Nothing to poison my existence

I manage to forget you I manage to forget that somewhere office blocks exist Towns and their inhabitants Duties and responsibilities

> I find myself alone with my ideas My theory of the universe My home-made philosophy My fate and my happiness

I'm leaving alone for space on my asteroid I'm going out of the solar system I'm exploring other galaxies I'm alone in the world

# I'm Going to Find Myself a Whore

Beautiful slave of this world Preferably blonde Not too old Between twelve and fifteen

A virgin if possible Wearing high heels Already in a mess And dependent on hard drugs

Don't you dream too? Have an extraordinary longing to get out of your rut? A destiny to fulfil? A desire to change the world?

Well then you've found me I'm your whore Beautiful slave of this world Still a virgin

I'm a surprise A romantic dinner before screwing Candles burning all night long Fireworks blowing up in your face

I'm going to find myself a whore She'll be dark She'll be old She'll be dirty

You've found me I'm your whore Beautiful slave of this world In a firework display blowing up in your face

### **Craziness**

One day I woke up crazy The way you are now My only solution is this anarchy They tried to lock me up for some time Time for me to recover my spirits Time for me to understand that life is a game Time to understand we must always throw the dice Time to understand we must accept hell Pretend to enjoy it and smile at life

> One day you'll all be crazy The way I am now Your only solution will be medical help They'll lock you up for some time Time for you to recover your spirits

Time for you to understand that life is a game Time to understand we must always throw the dice Time to understand we must accept hell Pretend to enjoy it and smile at life.

## Something Tells Me That This Time . . .

This time when they ask you to come to the centre of London You won't go looking shy and submissive This time when they ask you into the office You won't be feeling afraid and anxious This time when they tell you you're incompetent You won't come up with some silly excuse This time when they show you their fabricated evidence You won't be sick and discouraged This time when they lie to you through their teeth You won't play their game and start lying yourself This time when they let you know their unjust decision You'll take charge at last and tell them to go to hell

Something tells me that this time . . . You won't be manipulated by them You won't let them walk all over you Their lies will have no effect on you You won't go home defeated You won't spend three days bewailing your lot You won't sink into permanent depression You won't start taking drugs to forget your problems

Something tells me that this time . . . You'll be a different man You'll be strong You'll stop wanting to forget your problems You'll take yourself in hand and stop the useless struggle You'll face up to your existence You'll move on to other things And then you'll be born again

### The British Dream

The phone rings, it's my drinking buddy from Manchester He asks me to go with him again to Camden Palace and get rat-arsed One pint, two pints

New Order are playing

And suddenly the world belongs to us

We dream about being rich, leaving for Los Angeles

To forget that we're poor and looking for work

Again we talk about starting our own business

It'll be called The Crowned Anarchist plc, a nicely provocative name It'll make millions and be quoted on the stock exchange

Three pints, four pints

We're doing justice to English pubs

Our capitalist side never really disappears

What we're looking for above all is our independence

We'll succeed at something, though we don't know what

And at once we're the brightest and most brilliant people of our generation

Five pints, six pints

Reality suddenly hits us

We're nothing and we'll never be anything

We can't take risks and throw ourselves into crazy enterprises

You have to be mad to set up a business, only lunatics succeed

Seven pints, eight pints

We're well into a coma

The whole world is mad, lunatics all of them!

What are we doing in this world?

Nine pints, ten pints

We vomit all over the toilets of Camden Palace

The two of us fall asleep at the bar

All our dreams wiped out by our natural functions

Compared to the American Dream, the British Dream is lovely!

### **Hollywood Success**

One glass of wine too many That's why I've just been sick on the carpet But before . . .

I 'm nineteen

Just arrived in Los Angeles

Ready for anything

Queuing up at the Zombi Bar

To meet anyone there worth meeting

I'm not fussy, sleep with influential men and women In a world of poverty you take advantage of what's on offer

Me, me, me!

Now you'll see I'm someone of little brain, great With a good body, great

And an endless will to get all your plans going, great We're not in Paris, here you make millions, millions, millions

And spend it all in as long is it takes to say so

We're not here for the millions

We're here to meet the right person

I won't wipe tables any more

I've done too much of that in all the capital cities of the world

Me, I'm going to be part of the world of the rich and famous

The fearsome world of Hollywood

I'll have one hit, two hits, three hits, a flop

Drown my sorrows in alcohol, then drugs

I'll be forgotten for years

Then resurface one day when someone gives me a break

But I'll screw up again

Later go into detox

I'll babble about the Teletubbies

Time for me to hold a gun to my head

But I'll have succeeded, for just one moment,

To live on another planet

## The Following Poem Was Banned in 53 Countries

I woke up one morning needing a fuck
So I decided to take a walk round my grandfather's farm
There was a magnificent mare in the stable

A ripe juicy mare

A nice rounded mare like you see in all the best illegal porn films

I mounted her

Let's do it! Ah, aah, aaaaaahhhh! Satisfied at last I went into the henhouse

A nice fat hen full of lard!

Let's do it, hen! Yes, yes! Ah, aah, aaaaaahhhh
And even then I couldn't leave my grandfather's farm
Without taking a peek at the pigsty

Ah my friends!

Two huge nursing sows, you want them? There they are!

Let's do it, fat sows! Heigh ho! Ah, aah, aaaaaahhhh

Then at the side of the shed

A nice fat cat on heat

Have I still got the energy?

Wah, wah! Wah, hey! Ah, aah, aaaaaahhhh And just before I left, a little white mouse Oh no, I told myself, it's time to go

### And This One Was Banned All Over the World

One day I woke up needing a fuck So I decided to go to a shelter for battered women  $[ \mbox{The rest is censored but you can imagine what happened } \dots ]$ 

# No Girls in the Army

The army, my girl, is for strong men

Macho men

Well-endowed men

### It's a place where you'd be among men playing at soldiers It's not for you

The army, my girl, is a place for men with muscles All naked together in the shower With big, well-hung willies It's a place where you'd be among men playing at being among men It's not for you

> The army, my girl, is for the stronger sex Men bursting with spermatozoa Full of testosterone It's a place for playing together even at night It's not for you

### **Letter From Prison**

At night I look through the bars I see the full moon My gaze then falls on the cement floor You'd believe I was thinking about remorse Or about vengeance But I'm not thinking about anything My heart is empty My gaze absent I've stopped living I've always held my breath I look at the moon in the sky I'm far away, far, far away in space I can't remember being born I can't remember having lived A vague memory comes back to me Only to be forgotten between the toilet and the stool Human suffering I despair of ever seeing a better day When life becomes bearable

I hear stories through the bars You'd believe they'd make me think Or make my condition worse But I don't hear anything My soul is deaf My life is total silence I've stopped living I've always turned a deaf ear I hear the stars in the sky I'm far away, far, far away in space I don't remember hearing tears at my birth I don't remember hearing anything at all A vague snatch of speech comes back to me Only to be forgotten between the candle and my bed Human wretchedness I despair of ever hearing a better day When the cacophony of civilisation becomes bearable

### A Gun at Your Head

A gun at your head To make you understand The eternal void The insignificance of our destiny Now I see there's nothing beyond the horizon Nothing to expect from nothing The irony of our existence I'll throw

A bomb under your seat To make you understand The darkness of our logic The violence in everything Now I see there's no hope beyond the horizon Nothing to hope for from anyone The hell of our consciousness I'll start

A world war on your head

To make you understand

The evil in this world

The uselessness of the planet

I see now that there's nothing to see beyond the horizon

Nothing to expect from space

The illusion of science

I'll explode

## **Genesis**

Have they even got any hope in life?

Any joy in seeing daylight fill space?

Are they still thinking about science, philosophy and politics?

Do they think they'll discover psychology one day, late in the evening?

And has the wonderful world of money yet been born?

It's called the world of marketing and sales

With project managers and managing directors

God must have created these things as irony or as vengeance

Once I saw a garden
Radishes, carrots, tomatoes
Earth and flowers
I didn't see the advent of the business world written in the stars
Nor that of political wretchedness
I see the joy of someone who knows and can do nothing
Who walks free from every plague, every thought
Going out with no pressure, no qualifications
And walking all day without thinking about anything at all
A world that's forgotten his existence
A world that doesn't think any more
But lives and breathes

I walk in the wind

Learn to unlearn

To forget whatever we've tried to understand

Free myself from these machines and this noise Flee from people running in all directions I'm in quest of inaction I want total emptiness I want to live

### The Infinite

I thought I understood the idea of the infinite Seeing my body stretched out relatively in all directions Seeing time at once stopped and multiplied by itself I saw the beauty of a world impossible to fashion Energy fields with no beginning and no end Heavenly electric storms over the whole universe Seeing across time what happened before and what will happen after The power to see reality as infinity where the present has never existed To understand and interpret infinities of reality It's even better to see, understand and live in this world A multitude of events all invisible at once And the ability to deal with different strands of experience I see, try, know everything I live at infinity

## **Propaganda**

I live in the most beautiful country in the world The Prime Minister is the most intelligent being on the planet He's challenged everything I now have enough to eat

The economy's rolling in money My job pays a fortune compared to what I'd earn elsewhere It's elsewhere that people are dying of hunger While I live in the richest country of all

It's crazy, money falls from the sky

But the district I work in is dedicated to finance

What does this mean?

It means everything because I have enough to eat

Life is wonderful!

I weep with joy!

Look at me, happiness is written on my face

We live on the most beautiful planet in the universe!

Tie me up, I can't carry on any more

Joy and happiness are choking me

Everything's so perfect that it screeches like the tyres of my new car

Aaaaahh! At last God has heard our prayers

Such a beautiful country!

Such a rich culture!

Such a wonderful system!

It's too much. Kill me, someone

I want to let everything go
I want someone to launch me into space
I want to escape way beyond our solar system
With a gun in my hand tonight and tomorrow be no more

### **Frontline Terrorism**

I've got no pity at all for the old granny believing in her God

No pity at all for the bloke in his suit and tie dying in conformity

No pity at all for that woman fighting for recognition

No pity at all for that child who'll become a monster in our image

I've got no pity at all for anyone

Why should I take pity on you? Why do you deserve to live?

Why is your daughter's life worth more than the lives of 7 billion other parasites on this planet?

Do you think I give a toss about your dog, your cat or your goldfish?

Oh, you were capable of finer feelings Of loving your neighbour But it's a bit late to prove it If you haven't already done it, you never will You're incapable of understanding, of good deeds or of love

I won't be a hypocrite, won't hide away to say what I think When the bomb went off, I was on the front line When the time came, I was the one who lit the fuse You never wept for my dead, I won't weep for yours You are the catalyst of this terrorism

# The World Is Dying

The world is dying And I don't give a toss I'd like to speed up the process Steer it to a quicker death But what power do I have on this planet? They'll analyse my neurosis This desire to see the world explode Eliminate all trace of human existence from the earth And take the last laugh with me to my grave Because you'll never understand me I'm playing with you I'm playing with the analyst Lying to him all the way and back again Don't forget it: Je est un autre I'm a sheep White like all the other sheep I'm law-abiding I've been to university Been a managing director What a creep I am Socialist and capitalist at the same time

I've read Marx, Nietzsche, Machiavelli and Stalin And now I'm a volatile mixture Boom! The world's just blown its fuse Grace - is that too much to ask? I'm the worst of anarchists I don't listen to reason Anything can justify my death Anything can justify your death Can you prove to me that you deserve to exist? I offer all my worldly goods to anyone who'll kill me I've had enough of this wretched existence And like any good anarchist I'd like to take the rest of the planet with me when I die

# A Serious Problem with Authority

Ever since I was born you've told me what I should do with myself I've never been free to take the slightest little decision And if I once stood up to tell you I wouldn't do something Once just walked away to do something else That something else soon became your Plan B I went on doing whatever you wanted me to do And you wonder why I hate authority Why I don't take kindly to criticism Why I can't stand people telling me what to do It's because you've planted these powerful authority figures everywhere At every level of my existence Some sort of authority is fencing me in Checking up on me, spying on what I do And if I object, however feebly, an army descends on me An army of parents, teachers, supervisors, directors, priests Psychologists, policemen, soldiers, agents of all sorts of outfits What counts is order, conformity's the thing, total peace without compromise Well, I'm telling you I'm not the one who has a problem with authority Too many people have too much authority over everyone else in the world Don't be surprised when everything blows up in your face When someone suddenly pulls a gun and fires it among you at random You were asking for it and you'll find it yet

### You Lied

How could you?

How could you lie to us all these years? How could you manipulate events like that? Why have so little faith in your children? Did you think we couldn't take things as they were? Couldn't adapt ourselves to new realities? That we'd give one last cry and die?

No

We're not fools We're not crazy

We're capable of seeing, hearing, acting for ourselves Taking control of our lives and being aware of what's going on Challenging everything from morning to night And living in this new age of which we've been robbed

How could you? How could you carry on like that? How did you manage to hide so many things from us? Everyone knew Everyone understood Everyone kept quiet Everyone thought you were right That these things must be hidden Fear

> Fear of talking Fear of looking ridiculous Of being destroyed Of dying

How could you? How could you lie to us all these years? How could you manipulate events like that? Some opinion you must have of your children When you think it important they must live in ignorance! And what would that change anyway?

Nothing

You'll pay the price

You'll vanish

And we'll take over

And you'll see that we'll build better things than you do with your petty constructions

We'll rebuild a truly happy world

We'll be born again

## **She Always Was a Monster**

There's something hanging from your crotch
Let's see, old sow, it's getting bigger
Don't you ever wash, you old bag?
It's really disgusting, puts me off
To think that you're an expert in your field
A field that you're the only one to understand
Don't you know that the world has moved on?
You tell me you've been ill
I can well believe it, with those boils on your cunt
And how's the womb?
Generalised cancer?

I've been telling myself too that it took something like this to understand

Understand that another life exists outside of your contempt

I'm not going to wear myself out slagging you off

Because you've always opened doors for me

And then you've shut them all

If you hadn't been so worried abut your cunt

You'd have seen that I didn't give a shit about your insides

Your ailments

Your cancer

Your hair falling into the drains of Paris

Bitch, fucking bitch!!!

That's all you are

I'll open those doors for myself
Go back to your cancers and ailments
I kiss your crotch
And what's hanging from it

### I Am the Talk of the Town

They're talking about me, darling On five continents, darling I am beautiful I am everything I am the talk of the town **Darling** I'm a sex-machine I'm an orgasmic doll I cry out I bugger you It hurts, darling I'm happy You're in pain Hurrah! But I'm dying Of lack of interest Lack of motivation Complete lack of seriousness Baaah, baaaaaaah, baaaaaaaaah! I don't give a shit, darling! I'm the talk of the town And I don't give a fucking fuck **Darling** 

### I Should be Dead

I can't begin to understand
Why I'm still alive
When I've tried so hard
To leave this world
To rid myself of you
In ridding myself of myself

Flee from this old country

Go to new places to escape from other people in old countries

And isolate myself on a desert island to be sure of finding the inner peace I deserve

I swallowed pills, hundreds of pills

Drank 13 bottles of whisky one after another

Threw up 13 bottles of whisky probably because I was full of pills

I bought myself all The Smiths' records

Fired a bullet into my head but it went straight through my brain and I'm still alive
Good Lord, what's a man got to do to die in this world?

Take down his trousers, show you his dick and jump off a bridge

Blah blah blah, hic!

So go to hell

I don't give a toss about you

What I'd like is to get rid of you forever

But that doesn't work

That's why I threw myself on to those electric cables

50,000 volts and I'm still alive

The only explanation

Is God, he's the one who's stopping me from dying

So He can screw himself!

### I'm Your Slave

I've stopped living
I've abandoned all my plans
I've thrown my promising future out of window
I can tell the whole world of my misery and suffering
The hell you've made for me
There's no place for joy in your universe
Happiness was never part of the equation
I've stopped thinking for myself
I obey your commands
I break the law and work all the overtime I can
I work like a dog to forward your useless projects
I'm your slave
Forever, yours for eternity
I give you my life, my talents, my skills

All that for your personal advantage I don't say a word I listen to your sermons on my faults I ask pity for myself I'll get to heaven The heaven of slaves Amen

# I'm Your Inflatable Virgin Mary

Blasphemy!

Screw me!

I give myself to you entirely

Isn't that what you wanted?

Screw me!

Blasphemy!

I'll give birth to Christ the all-powerful

That shit will emerge from my guts

To destroy everything it meets on its way

Cause wars in the world

Blasphemy!

That'll be the fruit of this bottomless hole, endless suffocation

Dead men on top of me, blood all over the universe

Screw me!

So that Christ in his turn can screw

The whole world

Bogged down in this muddy marsh

This thick fog

Blasphemy!

The ways of God are impenetrable

Screw me!

The new improved Virgin Mary

Who spawns hell on earth

For thousands of years

Until there's a perfect being

Superman

Christ decomposed to humanity's tune

We've achieved the new age Of a frustrated virgin Who gave birth to the end of the world The ways of God are impenetrable Blasphemy!

### You're Just a Bitch-Victim

You walk past me, ignoring me completely In your eyes I'm worth less than nothing You think I'm sixteen, I think you're a good fifteen years older than you really are You put me through the hardest graft for your own satisfaction You have such a good time it disgusts me, you laugh in my face You bad-mouth me to everyone all over the place You seem to be having your period every day of the year Walking with clenched thighs as if afraid that your bloodstained tampons would fall to the ground Your face gives me a rash, I couldn't imagine making love to you You don't take care of your skin, put six layers of makeup on your eyes A real clown, a real whore You're so dried-up, anyone would swear you're about to break into bits God how I loathe you, I'll beat you till you've no teeth left The dinosaurs are still alive, spitting the same fire, I've been burnt by it again and again Bring me an axe to chop this plank of wood You're just a bitch-victim

# Life and I are Incompatible

I'm a contradiction of nature in every sense of the term I think differently from the rest of the world from A to Z I'm totally sure there's no justice in this world And go further in believing that there's nothing to justify justice I'm moved when I see how we let people die of hunger Very surprised to find that the hungry don't rise up against those who have too much to eat Order has been imposed on the world through fear A social contract ignoring the fact that we're in a jungle

That, in the jungle, the law of the strongest prevails and the rest must die But the ruling principles of these societies flirt with anarchy There again the law of the strongest prevails but on a different level You have to fight against life, fight against death Impose yourself, your ideas, desires, needs, laws and rights But everything in this world is only convention There are no rights, no freedoms, no need of anyone else we should gratify Nothing is good, nothing is evil It's up to us to adapt ourselves to life

## There Are No Noble Feeling

There are no noble feelings There's only hidden self-interest Even in aiming for heaven and going to paradise

# There's Nothing Worse Than People With **Principles**

There's nothing worse than people with principles Because their principles only ever apply to themselves Because of course no one can live entirely according to the best principles in the world And so they don't live up to their ideal life And suffer enormously Then they try to regulate our lives instead According to principles they don't respect themselves

And so my life is fettered by these principles Principles which change from one person to another And I ask to see how all this may be justified Where is the source of what should and should not be Life could be much simpler Without all these futile principles

### The Policy of Truth

Should we hide the truth? Should we tell the truth? Should we demand truth from others? Should we help others to hide the truth? Should truth become an obsession, something beyond price? We could spend our whole lives looking for truth We could destroy the whole world for the sake of the search for truth We could lose all our friends and family for the truth We could make our lives wretched simply by needing to know the truth We could lie and feel horribly guilty about hiding the truth We could destroy our careers and our whole destiny in letting others know the truth We're worth nothing any more when others know the least of our truths Other people's truth is extremely dirty, best not to know too much about it Not every truth should be told Not every truth should be known Every quest for the truth will be in vain Every attempt to hide the truth will be in vain The policy of truth

### Get A Life, Old Crow!

You're certainly the prettiest girl I've ever met (Well, perhaps not, but almost) You're twenty-one and I thought you were twenty-six (In your case, that's a compliment) If I wasn't what I am, I'd probably ask you to marry me (And then I'd have a British passport) You walk up and down the aisles pushing a trolley full of books (At sale price, everything must go) You smile angelically at me (The better to plant your claws later on) You're sweet and lively (Like sows in pigstys) I stroke your lovely blonde hair

(Because you never stop flirting, you cow)

But when I ask you how you spend your free time, it doesn't mean I'm asking you for a date (Fuck off)

And then you tell me you've got a boyfriend

(To put and end to your flirting, it's gone too far)

You absolutely have to go to your break

(What does your determined tone really mean?)

You practically accuse me of sexual harassment

(But where did you get that from?)

Perhaps it was when I got hold of your bum by mistake

(Believe me I'm not interest in pinching bottoms)

And perhaps I brushed up against one of your breasts absent-mindedly

(That was an accident too or unconscious)

In short, you're a real bitch to put me in my place today

(Your problem is not knowing how to flirt and be nice about it)

Implying that I want to sleep with you?

(You must be out of your mind)

Treating me like some kind of pest in front of everyone

(What do you take me for?)

Your poor boyfriend, no way would I want a woman as frigid as you

(Amen)

Come on, get a life!

# I'm Just a Pretty Face

I strut about, looking good beside rich ugly people

I fill a void, enliven their conversations

I'm a good listener, a confidant who never contradicts them

I'm no good, I was born that way

Wherever I go I'm told how good-looking I am and people talk to me

I've got the knack of getting whatever I want, of fitting in to any circle

I'm your dream domestic animal

People use me to feel better about themselves

But, watch it, my little brain is working all the same

I can see you coming

I judge and despise you

I listen to you but I hate you

If you abuse me, I'll have my revenge I don't believe in wealth I don't believe in security and stability For me there are no such things as the social scene or famous people No class of important or intelligent people You're all the same to me, if not worse than the lowest of the low Every attempt to buy me or impress me will be in vain There are all sorts of eighteen-year-olds, with no personality, ready for anything And if they don't sleep with you, you'll soon get tired of them If they become demanding, you'll have a hard time I'm just a pretty face but, watch it, I bite

### **Bitchy Woman**

Only a minute after we were introduced you started insulting me Saying you felt sorry for me because I wasn't born in London Then I took a good look at you You're old, my girl and you can't hide the wrinkles on your face And your makeup only makes your ageing skin look worse At your age you go out all the time, drink and take drugs But unfortunately all this shows in your body You dress like a mad cow and think you're a big wheel on the London scene You're ridiculous to the core of your being You poor fool, I've every reason to feel sorry for you I who am still young and handsome and intelligent So that people see me as a puppy they want to clasp to their chests They offer me the world on a plate so the world belongs to me Every day I turn down opportunities which could take me a long way People want to die in my arms, yes mine, madam So who cares if I wasn't born in the West End?

### Crabs, Crabs, and Crabs Again

You were itching horribly and put it down to stress Like everyone else, you'd masturbated and this had affected your neurones Your doctor didn't find any little creatures, referred you to a psychoanalyst And now you do visualisation exercises to calm you before you explode You've never taken the time to sit still in silence and think I meet you coming out of bars at dawn, all in a sweat, high as a kite and completely out of it You look at me as if I was a vegetable, don't even recognise me You remember vaguely that you went out four days ago and now don't know where you are I give you my last pounds so that you can eat but you spend all the money on some drugs or other You accuse me of not calling you any more, but there's a limit to my resources I can't follow you any longer through the lower depths of London, you're too far gone You'll never surface again but I want to surface one day (if possible) Death is waiting for you round the next corner Thank you so much for your farewell present Crabs, crabs and crabs again!

### To Die in Peace

I would so like to die in peace Far from all thought-systems and any systems at all Far away from everyone Sufficient unto myself for my own survival In conditions I know how to manage There's nothing more you can bring me, I'm full, look, I'm throwing up in your face There's nothing I can bring you, I've seen nothing but rejects everywhere So, if I can't expect anything from you and you can't expect anything from me, why force all these duties, responsibilities and bureaucracy on me? I'm not asking to drink the whole sea, I'm not asking for all these rules and regulations I'm not even asking for any sort of enjoyment Even less that my needs are satisfied I'm asking to be able to stay sitting here on the ground until death catches up with me

But you never grant me this right Sad world!

# **Are You Still My Friend?**

Oh dear, oh dear I offended you I stole everything from you I understood the whole of your miserable life I took pity on you

Oh dear, oh dear You're my best friend, my only friend I love you more than you could imagine I thought that you were mine and no one else's But you have a life I know nothing about

Oh dear, oh dear What have I done? I've destroyed everything In less time than it took to establish this impossible friendship At least you know me, I was an anarchist from the beginning

Oh dear, oh dear, Could this be the end of that friendship? Is it impossible to forgive whatever it was? Are we going to be strangers even in the promised land? It depends entirely on you

Oh dear, oh dear

# **Something Philosophical**

When my life makes no sense When I'm a wretched as can be And only want one thing - suicide Quick, quick Something philosophical . . .

The stars, the sky, the moon The universe, the galaxies The question of our existence Quick, quick Something philosophical . . . .

I'm dying I weep No reason to exist Quick, quick Something philosophical . . .

To bring me to something essential Something not real Something other than this reality Quick, quick Something philosophical . . .

Doesn't matter what Don't know what To make me forget Quick, quick Something philosophical . . .

## Dear God, Let Me Be Done With It

I've looked at your planet Your creatures I can't identify with them They've rejected me

I've admired creation In every place I can't identify with it I want to stop existing

What a wonderful possibility! Cancer, pneumonia, some incurable illness Why haven't you picked me? But I was born dead

Oh why? Why have you let me suffer so much? Why force me to act? Why force me to exist? No goal to aim for No social success to look for No love which will make me happy No personal satisfaction worth the effort

Permanent guilt Guilt at the heart of me Guilt I don't understand The desire to achieve great things without asking anything in return

So let me die

# **Living in Infinity**

I wanted to achieve great things And I achieved them

I wanted to love the world And I loved it

I wanted to travel over the oceans of the universe And I travelled there

> I wanted to understand the universe And I understood it

I wanted to create wonderful things And I created them

You don't understand! I've done everything Loved everything Understood everything Created everything

But God's work is never done It's always ongoing And all the more majestic for that It's infinite And I lack the energy

I lack the energy to achieve great things To love infinitely Understand infinitely Create infinitely

I lack the energy to live in infinity

# **Beyond War**

I'm beyond war I've never understood genocide A million deaths mean nothing to me God is only another human invention

> Human suffering Famine Holy Wars Crusades Never really assimilated

I've never taken anything in because I live in the present What is this present? You don't want to know It's too depressing

### War fills my TV screen Genocide is the news of the day I have war and death for breakfast But all the same I go about my daily boring business

I'm living beyond war and I don't give a toss

# **Ready to Explode**

I've got a headache No problem Just all my energy Ready to explode

I've got this urge in me To make another world from this world Look, it's there, it's here . . . A real world!

> I'm not mad I'm not dead I've got all this for you And it's ready to explode

You won't have time to see Won't have time to hear Even though it's all around you I'm ready to explode

I'm going to inspire the masses I'm inspiring the masses With whispers As powerful as guns Come on, come on! I'm alive! I cry out to life!

We're going to blow up this world!

We're motivated enough to get somewhere To build a new world Recreate an earthly paradise You've heard me!

Get going! There are still things to inspire you in this world Things to save lost souls We can't forget that hell is waiting to explode

Can't forget who we are Our humble origins can be become great Be proud of what we represent And fulfil a great destiny

> Enough of self-absorption Self-pity We are as huge as the universe We are the universe! Ready to explode!

### **Freedom**

There's a life after life An existence after what they've made us see It's strong and powerful! It's all the energy necessary to be born

It's the sum of all the good songs Of all the anarchist personalities It's what inspires people to achieve the impossible It's what makes a people a great people

This infinite urge will be born in all nations of the universe An enormous structure free from the shackles of the past

An extraordinary new inspiration We'll march all over the surface of the universe!

Understand the infinite capacity of everything Understand the infinite definition of the world Assimilating the whole world Assimilating universal knowledge

Nothing will stop our progress through civilisations No law, no ambitious wretch

No civil duty We'll live and live and live in total freedom!

> The freedom to breathe The freedom to act The freedom to be Freedom!

# **Poetry to Galvanise a Whole Generation**

There was a time when poetry saved lives A time when a young man would travel the roads of France To look for adventure on the open sea Calling up a whole world of the imagination And rejecting all convention That was poetry to galvanise a whole generation

Now is the time when poetry saves lives A time when the young travel the roads of the world To look for adventure on the open sea Calling up a whole world of the imagination And rejecting all convention That's poetry to galvanise a whole generation

There will be a time when poetry saves lives

A time when the young will travel the roads of the world To look for adventure on the open sea Calling up a whole other world And rejecting all convention That will be poetry to galvanise a whole generation

## Faith in Mankind

Ha, ha, ha! Hey, hey, hey! Hee, hee, hee! Ho, ho, ho! Huh, huh, huh! Wah hoo!

# I'm Ugly

You thought I was good-looking That I was pure That my standards were the same as yours That I was a reflection of your true worth A surprise and a lie

> You've seen how ugly I am What a tearaway I am What an alcoholic What a junkie A surprise and a lie

Oh, I was a hypocrite I lied I let people believe I was something I wasn't I'm an actor A surprise and a lie

I'm ugly I'm a tearaway I'm an alcoholic I'm a junkie Reality and truth

And who are you to ask me for a reckoning? Who are you to accuse me? Who are you to denounce me for fraud? Who are you to wipe out my existence? You're as ugly as I am

### I've Seen an Extra-Terrestrial

Oh wow!

It was green, it was blue, it was red It spoke an incomprehensible language I looked twice - and then three times It hit me full in the face I saw white, red and black No time to fetch my camera It whipped me

I enjoyed it so much I came and then asked for more I saw the UFOs that the extra-terrestrial threw in my direction I saw pink, purple, a whole rainbow It drilled a hole in my brain Someone implanted something there Black, grey, the colour of freshwater trout Since then it controls me from a distance Charging me up from afar to my very neurones

Now I work harder

I never even go home

Is my flat brown, beige and yellowish? I told the police, the media and the local X-Files Club about it They found me next day at my desk, half-dead at my computer Someone prised open my eyes

They were green, orange and a muddy sort of colour

Someone asked me what had happened I saw an extra-terrestrial! And UFOs! But when I saw the film from the closed-circuit camera I realised that the UFOs were folders And the extra-terrestrial none other than my boss Oops!

### The Power of Words

A woman wrinkled with age When you look at her she shrinks Away from the pain of this world I bring her a rose

Sometimes you're totally disillusioned with life Sometimes nothing but dead flesh Away from the pain of this world I bring you roses

Sometimes it's the rest of the world that seems disillusioned Wanting to remove life Away from the pain of the world I bring it roses

> I've read about it, heard about it, seen it A universe closed in on itself Away from the pain of the world There are no more roses

# Oh Gloria, If You Hadn't Loved Cider So Much . . .

Oh Gloria, you were beautiful with your blonde hair Your passions, your desires and love of fantasy Oh Gloria, if you hadn't loved cider so much You'd have seen your three children grow up

You'd still be driving through the streets of Isleworth You'd be cooking a turkey for Christmas Day

Oh Gloria, you were fascinating, a true libertine

You invented reasons for going back to your ex-husband because you still loved him

You fought to save your children from poverty

You kept hens and ducks in your garden

You were typical of your generation

And had a huge impact on anyone who knew you

Oh Gloria, were you as beautiful as they say?

I've never seen you, even in a photograph

But everyone talks about you all the time

So who were you to have made such an impression on me?

I'll never know

Oh Gloria, if you hadn't loved cider so much . . .

# The World is Disheartening

Oh God, what sort of world am I living in?

Everyone without exception has gone mad

There are seven billion of them and they all piss me off

When I envisage how they spend their time, it drives me mad

Each of them trying to prove they're worth more than the next idiot

Their only aim to climb higher in the social scale

Have a little bit of power

Change some detail of their existence

A lot of them try to survive at the expense of others

Studying for thirty years, then taking a job that has nothing to do with their studies

A job taken up with things that are no use at all to society

Nothing there to help the species survive or relieve human wretchedness

Even the poor blacks of Africa are exploited

To prop up the commercialism of capitalist charities, who mainly need money to pay their employees for doing nothing

But all that's not disheartening compared to the rest I don't believe we've arrived at a reason for our existence In fact I think we prove every day that we're no better than ants Who build a nest which will be destroyed the next morning by wind and storm

They seem to think their growth finished when they were children and those children then studied for nothing for thirty years

Some believe in God to give meaning to their lives

But what difference does that make?

None, they're each as hypocritical and self-serving as the others

I'm still searching for a reason to live

I can't find one and I'm in despair

Nothing motivates me

And what motivates the world is too depressing for words

At least when I wanted to die because I hadn't yet met the love of my life

I was still hoping for a better world, a world where I would meet the love of my life

Now that I've met the love of my life and gone through the disappointments of love

I've nothing more to hope for

Social success?

I've climbed up, fallen down, climbed up again, fallen down again

Did that interest me? No way

I didn't think I was anarchist

Then one night, after one beer too many

I saw that I was the worst anarchist of all

Better for you not to meet me, you run the strong risk of being thrown out the window

Nothing makes any impression on me

Nothing inspires me

I've lost faith in the human race

It'll never achieve anything worthwhile
And why should it?

# Come On, Damn It, I've Got a Life to Live

I'm a blob, a big ball of flesh bursting its skin
Like the rest of the world, I'm slowing down
I take ages to finish the smallest task
I sleep more than I live

It takes all the motivation I can muster to get myself out of bed

Going anywhere is quite an adventure, it takes so long to psych myself into

Leaving the building, taking the tube, oh God, it's so complicated

For a head as befuddled as mine

That needs three cups of coffee to function even minimally I'm a blob when I should be invigorated Dash out of this bedroom Get out and never come back, enjoy life Find all possible motivation Be inspired for good to live a full and exciting life I need to find some ruling passion soonest Need to be strong instead of passive Full of energy, functioning, productive Come on, damn it, I've got a life to live

#### **Existential Crisis**

Yes, but before that:

To live, live Stop all this bullshit, your degrees, recognition, social success, happiness All that's nothing but wind

And to prove it there are people around the age of fifty Who are ill and suffer bitterly in spite of the important things they've achieved Have you never heard the cry of freedom?

The cry of the feeling of freedom, cut short by all those things you consider essential? Maybe you find in them a reason for living. I don't

So keep your existential crisis to yourself

I have to live my own and it'll be much simpler without you It's much more difficult to have nothing than to have everything and lack for nothing So respect my choices and let me get on without putting me down Help me to continue on what you see as my desperate way God will be eternally grateful to you

> Because you'll have to pay for destroying my feeling of freedom Which is the only thing that can keep me alive In three days I'll take a plane And fly off to rebuild the world as I want it to be Be happy, I still listen to my own reason

#### At the Heart of London

After my second day of working twelve hours non-stop

I took the train to Piccadilly Circus

Got on again at Regent's Park, went to Oxford Circus

Hanover Grand, Popstarz, Indie music

Got there at half past midnight

And drank at the source of what's been keeping me going all these years

I watched English youth busy at unwinding

Right in the middle of this hell where you drink, smoke, pick people up

After several beers and cigarettes people didn't talk to each other any more

They let themselves go like lunatics to the rhythm of the music

They sang and they danced like crazy forgetting that there would be hell to pay the next day

I picked up someone from Liverpool

We climbed up to kiss each other in front of everyone

Took a taxi to his room in Westbourne Park Road, Notting Hill
Made love all night and cried out like virgins being deflowered
Next day I left very early, I had twelve hours of work to get through
Maybe I'm one of the living dead but I'm living at the heart of the myth

#### **Put A Bomb Under Them**

My allergy to uniforms is at its height

It's crammed with old blokes wearing ties with briefcases and smelly armpits

They're proud to represent the conformism necessary, according to them, to the way the world works

The problem is that the world they live in is only virtual

They work in virtuality

Buy virtuality

Feed themselves with virtuality

They're offered a higher standard of living to enjoy fictitious amusements

The virtual doesn't deliver us anything concrete

But it delivers them a huge house and an impressive car along with their suits and ties

There's nothing enviable or admirable about someone who wears a tie

It's clearly written on his face that he couldn't care less about doing something concrete to relieve human misery

On the contrary, he makes a profit from exploitation

Other people work for him to provide him with things he won't need So putting a bomb under him would only benefit the human race Except that these people's lives are insured for astronomical sums, each of them worth in the region of a million pounds

> That's where the virtual has got us Overprotecting those who don't need protection and the loss of common sense

# **Too Many Stupid People All Round Me**

I can't breathe any more I have to put up with the imbecility of someone or other Inventing heaven knows what to attract my attention Then I avoid talking to them because they're completely illogical Sometimes the absence of logic can be admirable But the illogicality of idiots is totally uninteresting God, how I suffer seeing them trailing around me, seeing them talk to the walls There's even one who tells me in every detail the life story of his idol, Jesus Christ An African Jehovah's Witness, a sweeper of floors who also speaks French

You see it all When I'm on the brink of a nervous breakdown When they get on my nerves, and I want to explode, it's: Get out of my way! Piss off somewhere else! Mind your own business! Leave me to get on with my life in peace! Never speak another word to me! Go and get run over by a bus and don't let anyone talk to me about it! How to rid myself of human imbecility?

# The New Love of My Life

You'll last me a fortnight perhaps You're from Newcastle From a poor working-class family

#### And completely uneducated

You hang around the gutters of Camden town near the welfare building where you get handouts

For six years you lived in empty buildings

You're an artist inspired by drugs

Your place in Russell Square at five o'clock in the morning

You can't breathe there, you suffocate

I can't breathe with you, I suffocate

But when we make love, God,

You take me out of my hell and carry me off to your own

I can't have anything more to do with purity, the property of parents

Purity that despises the very idea of making love

Purity that lives all its life in the horror of life

Until realising that purity makes people unhappy

Oh love of my life, let's not wait for the day of judgement to do something

Let's fly all around, we've got nothing to lose

Can't anyone else but me see and feel your beauty?

So that I swoon away in your damp, dank universe?

So let's die consumed at the end of our love

In exactly a fortnight from now

### Life

I looked for you on the Californian coast where someone had shown me an extraordinary view

I looked for you in TV studios where all our dreams are built up

I looked for you at a table in Caesar's Palace between two slot machines

And I looked for you in woods, on mountains where I was strangely bored

I thought I'd find you in the most famous tourist spot in Barcelona, flying over an old theme park now in ruins, that inspired me for a split second

I thought my eyes would be opened in front of the windows in the red light district of Amsterdam, but

I was more afraid than anything else

Then I walked through the hotel where they hold the Cannes festival, sat on the rim of a toilet which
Harrison Ford had probably used before me but I felt nothing

I opened the proceedings in front of 6000 people, that gave me a buzz for about thirty seconds

I let everything drop, I showed myself out this time, for a change

I wanted to speak to the whole planet but no one wanted to speak to me

Suddenly they changed their minds and now the whole planet wants to speak to me

But I've nothing more to say to them and what they say is extraordinarily banal

Sometimes you meet magical people and spend wonderful moments with them I haven't met any for the last five years and I despair No one stands out from the crowd, no one has a vision to fulfil Their zest for life has thrown them into alcohol and drugs Making them happy for a split second And making their existence bearable a little longer But it's destroying them and finishing them off today I've lost all hope

#### Life Isn't Life

Who's looking for life? Is there life in this world? I've been searching for it all my life Late at night in the streets of the world And I can now say Death is the whole world Death is in everything Death is everywhere

So I can't speak this language So I'm here in this world without the right to life And I still find a way of expressing myself On all the oceans of this planet There's no land which can support life Only hell Words have no meaning No way of expressing what I feel The result of so many years of ordeal Has only brought despair In a world where I've got everything It's still not enough I'm dying

# I Hoped For So Much

I'd be lying if I said I wasn't an anarchist I'd be lying if a I said I was anarchist But I hate all politics and political action Anarchy is most powerful when it's subtle Anarchy is most powerful when it doesn't declare itself Anarchy is most powerful when it has nothing to reproach itself with I'm powerful because I'm no danger to anyone But I'm more thoughtful than people who're targeted, listened to or in prison I achieve more than all the anarchists put together without being one myself Don't get in touch with me, I don't want to know you I hoped for so much, I'm ready to die but in a good cause There aren't any good causes in this world There's no chaos in this world because logic adapts itself There's nothing in this world There's no one in this world There has never been anything to hope for from this world

# The World Won't Change

Poor you, you thought the world was going to change You went on that famous anti-globalisation march You slated capitalism from first to last A teargas grenade exploded in your face I caught up with you that night at the police station And I laughed at your unworldliness You looked at me, puzzled I laugh at your unworldliness

Poor you, you thought the world was going to change You wrote three tomes on the subject of anarchism They were good, full of ideas and respectable A teargas grenade didn't explode in your face I didn't see you that night at the police station And I laughed at your unworldliness You looked at me, puzzled I laugh at your unworldliness

Poor me, I thought the world was going to change I did nothing to change it except perhaps for trying to shoot myself in the head The bullet went twenty feet above me And I laugh at my unworldliness I looked at myself, puzzled I laugh at my unworldliness

### **Death to Purity!**

Ah, there it is all around me You wonder if it ever takes a shit It's crammed with money Takes its responsibilities seriously Works hard Has lovely children and is respectable Looks at me and wonders what I am It can't understand why I only live at night Why I don't stay in one place and that I exist in every country at the same time Why I persist in destroying my future But purity doesn't produce anything concrete Purity creates nothing but enjoys the creations of others They're a container waiting to receive I'll fill you up! As an anarchist, it frightens me And kills me

# What's Your First Name Again?

Wasn't it you who looked disdainfully at me that day because I was only a street ruffian? Wasn't it you who pushed me out of the way with your foot when I was lying crushed and dead on the pavement?

Wasn't it you who danced in all your pride and self-confidence with such petty vainglory that today it makes me laugh?

I remember, it was you who imposed your world-view on me

Your closed and ready-made interpretation of the universe

With its strictly limited horizons and several long, punishing steps to climb in order to get anywhere

at all

How wonderful it seemed to me then that you should make me your mirror I hadn't realised the terrible potential that was slumbering in me

The infinite energy that was going to inspire the masses

The army that would follow me to trample on you at my rallying cry

But I'm not content with that, it's not enough

Because I'm not like you, I've no need of that

Which you wanted so much, which you thought you had and never will have

I've been through the hell you described to me as paradise

And I'm the only one to realise that something other than that life exists

What was your first name again?

#### **The Crowned Anarchist**

I assumed the title, I admit it
I took the cloak and crown and put them on, I admit it
But I am the dream made flesh again
I'm fired up like ten men
I've given you everything and asked for nothing in return
I'm a revolutionary who has accomplished his revolution
I built a huge machine which didn't make a million
You think it's granted to everyone to be a crowned anarchist?
You think it's socially acceptable to be a crowned anarchist?
Let Christ take a running jump!

A crowned anarchist is someone who dares to assume the title and then acts accordingly

Oh lost poet, welcome to my den

You too can be a crowned anarchist if you dare

But you won't dare . . .

Because that needs an ambition you don't possess

You must have suffered

You must be certain and determined to describe yourself as you are

You must be full of inexhaustible energy which only writing can halfway deplete

I can't hear any criticism, have any adversary

I'm the crowned anarchist

#### I Don't Remember

I wrote some fifteen volumes on the subject You didn't listen to a word You produced a work on inspiring politicians I didn't listen to a word You wanted to revolutionise everything, thought your nation great and glorious Nobody listened

I wanted to study something interesting in your universities You didn't listen to a word You wanted my support and hard work I didn't listen to a word You wanted to tear my country apart to be born among the nations of the universe Nobody listened

> I wanted to play my part, I wanted to be what I am You didn't listen to a word You scolded me for my way of life, for not being part of my nation I didn't listen to a word Now you've got need of new blood because you're dying Nobody will listen to you again

### I Remember

Oh yes I remember you In class you despised me You put me down in front of everyone

You shone hurling this abuse and other witticisms I had one hundred per cent written on my forehead, you had zero

Oh yes I remember you

At the swimming pool you had a man's body and I had a child's You made fun of me in front of everyone You even won over the teachers You had one hundred per cent written on your forehead, I had zero

Oh yes I remember you I tried to win you over to my side I took you home and made a friend of you You took everything I gave you But all the same you laughed at me and it was pointless

> Oh yes I remember you I ran into you years later in a bar You had some stinking job You were married You had a child You were happy That killed me

Oh yes I remember you I remember all of your kind Every year there was someone like you I had to fight How did I survive? I don't understand it It's this memory that's made me a belated delinquent It's this memory that explains my hellish life But it's because of this memory that I now live in London Oh yes I remember

#### I Know the Name of God

I know the name of God It's a good bottle of brandy That I drink at night in small mouthfuls Before I come to understand his infinite wisdom

> I know the name of God It's a good bottle of whisky

That I drink at night in large mouthfuls Before I come to understand his infinite strength

I know the name of God It's a good bottle of Scotch That I drink at night in large glasses Before I come to understand his infinite ability

I know the name of God It's an endless series of cans of beer That I drink at night till I can drink no more Before I come to understand the incomprehensible

# **Contempt For Man's Pettiness**

I'm going to take myself seriously For once in my life I'm going to take myself seriously And get a hold on my life

I'm going to make a difference in this world And that begins with a total contempt for everything that exists And a new way of seeing everything that has nothing to do with what's taught in universities Above all, nothing to do with what you learn in the commercial world of work

I'm going to take myself seriously because I can make difference in this world! I can reach thousands of people who share my disgust with life Who want a better world even if it exists only as an idea Just picturing a better world is already doing something concrete

If it's only through extremes that we manage to understand something I'll be extreme If it's only through anarchy that we can manage to build a better world I'll be an anarchist!

To hell with all the definitions of anarchy To hell with anarchist movements that achieve nothing on this planet It's in thought, action and individually that it happens Envisaging a better world . . .

A different world where nothing exists any more

A world where authority burbles incomprehensibly

You wanted an anarchist world?

Right, I'll build it and that's going to hurt

It starts with contempt for the universe and man's pettiness

Being human is being great in the universe!

Being human is not suffering hell on earth

Being human is as powerful as a galaxy on its way to infinity

Wake up! Get up!
Say at last that you're going to live all the mornings of your universe!

# **Again, Again and Again**

Yet again I should weigh up my meagre achievements

Show them to those nice women hoping that some light will illuminate their universe

So that one chooses me over a pile of the meagre achievements of someone else

I should go to the centre of London to convince them that I'm the perfect candidate

And although I don't want to, fell them on the spot

I really don't want their offers, they kill me

I'm handsome, I'm pure, I'm perfect, I'm brave
Ah, my idiocy has no limits no motivation
I'm excellent, get things done, I'm sensitive and honest
Ah, and a strange desire to sabotage your company
Teamwork? Team spirit? Be at one with you? That's me!
Ah, I'll throw up everywhere all over your work and your schedules, yes indeed!

Yet again I must prove that I'm the better man
Ride into battle against the markets and return millions to shareholders
So that they choose me over thousands because I'm able, I'm eccentric
Working in the centre of London and all the big cities of Europe
Good morning, Sir, Good morning, Madam

#### Here's how our solution will bring back your millions

I'll be your saviour, I'll be Jesus Christ, I'll get you out of your rut! Ah, the devil will make his entrance in person I've got all the solutions and all the necessary skills, the results will be phenomenal Ah, complete bankruptcy, I'll do nothing apart from finding a way out of it, again, again and again I'll kiss your feet, I'll sleep with you Ah, I'll spit on you behind your back, you can count on it

Again, again and again

# **Social Reality**

Social reality is a bank A bank which must be filled with a team of workers in perfect harmony The only problem is, we're all individuals We all hate each other Competition is what fills our hearts Which means enormous jealousy And endless destruction of the other

Social reality is a jungle A jungle which demands a conqueror The only problem is, I don't want to be a conqueror, don't even want to fight Have I got anything to learn from this hell? Isn't twenty years of shit in these companies enough? Letting myself be walked over, spat upon What is there to learn there that I haven't already learnt?

Social reality could be paradise Where profit isn't the law Where competition and hierarchy don't exist Where jealousy is absent Where stress doesn't eat us alive Where joy, pleasure and peace are the order of the day Haven't you had enough of hating and destroying each other?

### Do the Opposite

Sit down with your parents and take note of everything they want for you Sit down with your teachers and take in everything they want for you Sit down with your employer and listen to everything he wishes for you Listen to local, provincial, national and international governments and try to understand what they expect of you

You'll be an engineer, a lawyer, an architect or a doctor You'll be the best of the bunch, you'll write books to revolutionise your field of studies You'll be among the best, the ones the headhunters steal You'll be the perfect citizen, married with children, religious and paying your taxes

Listen to them all and you'll be exactly what everyone thinks best for you According to their definitions, you'll be the happiest soul on the planet Above all, keep to the straight and narrow, don't be revolutionary, don't challenge anything

They'll bring you the world on a plate, you'll be respected throughout the world

Ah, isn't wonderful to follow the well-trodden path? When you're a success and earn a good living? When your story has no story And your name doesn't alarm any computer

Yes, I tell you, listen to all the voices of authority on this planet And do entirely the opposite Only then will you know you're an individual who has choices Who's free and has a chance of happiness

It doesn't much matter if you wake up in a strange country where you have no right to be It doesn't much matter if the love of your life isn't lying beside you every morning It doesn't much matter if you haven't got a penny to get you through tomorrow It doesn't much matter that you can't eat your fill

Do entirely the opposite in the name of your conscience and your freedom!

# Be Marginal and Make a Difference

It's always possible to leave those you love It's always possible to follow other paths It's always possible to challenge everything from morning to night It's always possible to begin to live again

Be happy and free! Create your own universe, even if you have to rewrite all the dictionaries You'll be surprised at the results you can achieve

A personal success going well beyond what anyone else has hoped

It's possible to make your life over again! It's possible to build a new world! It's possible to succeed according to your own principles! It's possible to be happy!

Being marginal has never been forbidden Losing the respect of others has never been a problem Saying that others are wrong is acceptable Making a difference is something to be wished for

The only thing that counts is the final reckoning at the end of our lives The only results that count are those we've wanted to achieve ourselves We must free ourselves from everyone else Be marginal and make a difference

#### Cannes

I met you in a bar in Cannes We'd hardly even spoken before you started insulting me Your mate worked behind the bar You took me to a very private place Introduced me to your friend who was once a big wheel in the theatre We went up to my room at the Majestic Read poetry all night long

Prevert, Hugo, Baudelaire, Rimbaud I didn't know that poetry could be so beautiful when read in a voice like yours Romanticism really exists Passion really exists I shed a few tears You left but then came back again We made love all night Like lovers You said it was great and it was A magic night

The next day I went back to London With an unforgettable memory

#### The Most Beautiful Creature on Earth

The most beautiful creature on earth lives in my flat I call her Murmy A beauty beyond compare

Sensitivity supreme

A pure soul who has never caused anyone any harm

All she thinks about is playing

Sitting on my knee

Cuddling up to me every night

Spending all day in my arms

Appreciating me, loving me unconditionally

A little heart that beats so strongly

She's afraid of the slightest sound

But feels safe when I'm close to her to defend her

An extraordinary patience

Eyes always ready to weep

She's quiet, never argues

I could ask for nothing better

But with beauty comes pain

Luckily, you're only a cat

#### Where are the Great Thinkers?

In all past ages religions have been challenged In all past ages political systems have been challenged In all past ages science has gone through extraordinary revolutions In all past ages there have been geniuses, great thinkers But now you'd say the world had stopped thinking We don't produce geniuses any more We don't go through revolutions any more There are no more great philosophers The end of an era came with television The futurist era threatens to pass us by Too many things remain misunderstood and unexplained Too many theories are still unverified Too many dreams have evaporated with the centuries Conceiving the inconceivable Understanding the incomprehensible Inventing the new thing that will change everything Imagining new things that will challenge everything It's not true that all we discover today is completely puzzling There will always be great thinkers Capable of reinventing everything at a stroke With the imagination to envisage everything Because one key opens all doors We should find them and listen to them We're living in the age of telecommunications Out of all this gibberish Let's at least learn to hear the great thinkers And you, great thinkers, learn how to make yourselves heard

# Oh No, Not Another Scandal!

How am I going to be able to leave the house? I was arrested again in the Gents in the park with a man How am I going to be able to walk down the street? They found pornographic shots of young girls in my old files

How am I going to be able to go and eat in a restaurant? They're after me for the rape of a young boy How am I going to be able to travel? They found an ounce of heroin on me How am I going to be able to go on living? I killed my girl friend in a hotel bedroom and I don't even remember it How am I going to go on being an artist? I've put on 300 pounds

Then I called my lawyer and he asked me How many millions have you got, my young friend? As much as that?

No problem, as in all previous cases like yours You'll go on breathing, living, creating without a care in the world Scandal will only be good publicity You'll be as rich as ever Ah, so that's how it works That's what I told myself too

#### I Could Pretend To Be The Devil

I could pretend I'm a young lad Still virginal in every sense of the word Who has never made love and is desperate Who cries every night in his room

I could pretend I'm an anarchist At the head of an organisation about to murder a whole lot of people Because I've never lived and I'm desperate Plotting alone every night in my basement

> I could pretend to be a maniac Who has raped more than one madwoman Made love with the entire planet And could meet you any night in a dark alley

I could pretend to be a madman Who has killed several important people Who kills every night, even in his sleep And every night targets his next victim

I could pretend to be God the Father, creator of heaven and earth Who plays games with other people's fate Letting them be born, controlling them, killing them as he sees fit And every seven days creating another hell on earth

But as long as I'm only pretending Can you arrest me? Imprison me? Banish me? Execute me? You have no proof because there is no proof I'm just like the boy next door But with an unbounded imagination And for you, that's disturbing

# I Live in Opposition to the World

You've put up with me for seven years I go to bed at seven o'clock in the morning when you're going to work I get up at six o'clock in the evening when you get back For months I've been writing every night I drink and smoke like crazy to find inspiration You've never said a word You've always loved me You've understood me Which is more than I can say for the rest of the planet They've never understood anything They've never wanted to understand It's not acceptable Just isn't done

For them only one way of life exists Working from eight in the morning till eight at night, buying a house Getting married and having children I'm such a long way from that reality I'll always be such a long way from that reality Because it makes me feel so sick But it's not as if I have the choice

And to excuse myself I'll tell you

It's God who asks it of me

It's fate that asks it of me

It's the magic of the imagination that's at stake

I have to create the most beautiful universe possible

Create a different world again from the rotten reality of others

And if I have to die at the end of my work

I'll die at the end of my work

### **A Good Horror Story**

Would you like to hear a really good story?

A thriller, perhaps

A wonderful love story

Where the heroine will die under a train on the last page

Perhaps you'd even like to see the blood spurting And see our heroine's lovely face once the huge wheel has crushed it into pieces? Oh, you love blood, you love accidents Gunshots, death in close-up That fills up the time, stops you from thinking too much Dinosaurs who tear into scientists Cars that run over passers-by Planes that crash into buildings Nuclear bombs that wipe out cities And asteroids that destroy entire populations Except that all that is reality Reality has long been stranger than fiction You love good horror stories Reality when it differs from your boring everyday life You'd like someone to fire a gun at you You'd like a nuclear bomb to fall on top of you Biological warfare would be a fascinating distraction What kills is routine Huge conspiracies tell you that life isn't as empty as it seems

There's a mystery to unravel
A truth to discover putting something else in doubt

#### A fight worth fighting If it takes the end of the world to make us appreciate this existence Well then, roll on the end of the world

#### What a Buzz!

When suddenly my brain is working strangely I look around but I see differently I have flashes of inspiration by day Even late at night Wonderful buzz

Suddenly I'm walking along the Harrow Road I see plenty of Africans and Indians

I live in the worst part of Westbourne Park But there it is, I'm an immigrant too and I'm poor

I'm crushed under a big green bag at the kerbside when I come out of the station

I write, write my best lines, my most inspired ones

And nobody questions me, nobody finds it strange

They're all as crazy as I am

I live in a hostel for poor people

But I'm not on benefits, I've got no right to them

But I'm happy, so happy

There's a canal, crumbling buildings, churches of high and low denomination

Oh wonderful buzz

And I walk on to Kensal Green cemetery I've spent days and days in this cemetery I've spoken to the parish priest He's a part of this story

He's made the story

He's inspired pages and pages of it

Harrow Road

Nowhere else have I felt more at home

# **We Are Energy**

You think I've done what you wanted to do You didn't have the courage, I had it for you But you're mistaken

You have courage in you

You are what I am

I'm an exact copy of you

You're my inspiration

When I write, it's you who's writing

How can I make you understand?

We're inseparable

We think in the same way

We act the same

You're everything to me

You are my energy

Together we're strong

Together we're going to walk over everything

We've both of us suffered

We've both of us been through the worst that can happen on this planet

We'll think up a new world between us

We'll rethink it

We'll change it

Aren't ideas strong?

Can't ideas challenge everything?

It's ideas that change the world

Forget the rest

Forget the hell of their reality

We're going to walk on the surface of another planet

We're going to find a way to get far away from here

We're going to rethink the universe!

#### You're Zombies

When my parents are talking to me When the teacher is talking in front of me

When my boss is rambling on I can hardly keep my eyes open I struggle to wake myself up To take in the reality there all around me None of this was happening yesterday When I dreamt I could save the world from wretchedness I could only live in my dreams And my dreams are ridiculous to the outside world But my dreams are strong They challenge authority My responsibilities and moral duties By day I'm a zombie By night a revolutionary But that's going to change I'll be a revolutionary by day I'll dream in broad daylight I'll crush all the rest of the world as I go You'll be the zombies of my reality You are the zombies of my reality Because I have the power to change everything And you thought I was a zombie Finding it difficult to keep my eyes open So as to listen to your balderdash My God, you still haven't see anything My God, you still haven't heard anything

# My Last Cigarette, My Last Beer

My God, the zombies are going to wake up!

I've raided my piggy bank to be able to finish my work Mortgaged up to my last pound Now I have to declare my self bankrupt I've opened my last beer I'm smoking my last cigarette Then I have to find a job Go back to the world of work after so much criticism Begin on the treadmill all over again

Get some work experience which should be useful I'll be working for someone, perhaps for several people Filing papers, recording information on a machine Receiving messages, sending messages Travelling on the tube three hours a day Dying of suffocation on the tube three hours a day Getting paid a pittance Smarting at what my father demands in return for my birth Pride, honour, respect, vanity And once more I'll succeed I'll manage once more to integrate myself completely Become part of the whole Die with them all My last cigarette - how I wish it would last forever

My last beer - how I wish I could drink it again and again Once more it's a complete break I've just stubbed out my last cigarette The end of a world

#### To Hell With Conformism

I never wanted to be different I always wanted to be part of the group It was never amusing to be pointed out To have to fight And all the rest of it I've always been seen as a danger A danger to the conformism necessary to society So am I a danger?

Am I such a threat that I must be eliminated? I've never understood why we don't have the right to go against the rules Don't have the right to say that what we learned wasn't true Don't have the right to think differently from the rest But I'm not going to apologise I am different I think differently from the rest They call me weird

They class me as dangerous All right then, I'll be weird I'll be dangerous I'm going right to the bottom of your neurosis I'm going to challenge everything I'm going to challenge you I'll play out my true role as a marginal I'll rally all the marginals on the planet And become too strong for anyone to fight me again I am different And I'll act accordingly To hell with conformism

### I Want to Shit All Over You

I want to piss I want to shit I want to puke all over the place That's what you've achieved That's the feeling I get when I look at your achievements It's not enough, it'll never be enough for me So what are you doing about it? Don't you want the world to be better? A world where we can all be happy? What's stopping you? What are your thoughts? It's not a matter of law It's not a matter of politics It's a love story

Love your neighbour, live and let live Can't you find it in your heart to want to save the species? Open everything up, even your own guts? What are you afraid of?

That a monster under your bed will come and bite your toes? Forget your devilish religion Forget your devilish laws Forget overprotecting the brains of your wonderful children

Just for a moment forget about defending your little bit of territory Forget your flag! We're more than that We're in the process of disappearing We're going to disappear from the face of the earth We must leave Leave this world Far, far, far away Begin again elsewhere Begin everything all over again elsewhere Only, will we have the chance?

# **No Forgiveness**

If you've made a profit from someone else's poverty If you've got a big house and two cars If you've never understood that there is a way of making things better There will be no forgiveness It's not enough to be Princess Diana, set up a charity, visit hospitals It's not enough to be Mother Theresa and look after the sick You haven't understood anything There will be no forgiveness You're pure and perfect You've found your heaven You're Jesus Christ come back from the dead! It's not enough There will be no forgiveness You haven't understood anything Doesn't matter what you do Doesn't matter what you can do It has no importance There will be no forgiveness You won't get to your heaven You won't go to paradise That's not the way it works! There will be no forgiveness

# The New Age

We're getting to the end of an era To a world where all the laws will be different Where frontiers won't exist any more The freedom necessary for the survival of the species Wars don't matter, nor religions, nor existing political systems A huge revolution is coming Nothing can stop it because it will happen automatically Almost naturally And everyone will welcome the results Rejoicing in the consequences Discovering a new universe We'll go where it seems good to us to go Time will no longer limit us At the dawn of civilisation A new age will begin

#### **Inner Peace**

Purity of mind Innate clarity The brain breathes Oops! It's fallen Get up! It's fallen Aaargh!

What a lovely day Such a nice breeze Let's walk in the park Ah, the trees are in blossom! I need that now I'd like to doze off here Sleep for hundreds and hundreds of years Wake up again when the world has disappeared What lovely day?

I didn't even dare get out of bed this morning
I took a good look at the prospect of living
And went back to sleep

# **Prostituted to Other People's Ideas**

That's me every day

In the street, at work, in my flat

Prostituting myself for no reason

But a crust of bread

Great plans for the future of humanity!

Revolutionary ideas to bring a whole country to its knees!

Ideas and ideas raining down from the sky!

Everything in my way crushed and wiped out

That's me spat out
On the surface of this table
A reflection in the mirror
Oh, I'm handsome inside

Violence!

Killings!

The dead piling up!

Being sold for the ideas of others!

I'm prostituting myself for you

You're prostituting yourselves for my ideas

The results are horrifying

Thirty million dead sent to Coventry

I'm rich now

Prostitution pays well

You're alienated now

It's time to make everything blow up

# **A Nice Big Burger**

I'm dreaming of a nice, big disgusting burger bought at a fair Like the one in Manchester a few years ago The nicest and greasiest burger of all I couldn't afford it but my good friend from Liverpool bought it for me He'll never know the impact that burger had on me Ah, my mouth was really watering Because I hadn't eaten anything for days I had some of those fatty fritters one day in Ghent Oh they were really delicious I'm dreaming of the fresh fritters I bought in Las Vegas last year What wouldn't I give today for a nice blueberry pie from Lake St John French Fries with melted cheese, whatever, doesn't really matter One of my grandfather's meat patés and his brioches And a sandwich made with Comté and French baguette from Paris A bag of peanuts I ate by my camp fire last summer I'm so hungry I could even eat frozen food from Tesco's Philosophy doesn't pay It's really time I got a job

### It's An Honour For Me

Thank you, thank you!

I'm so happy to be here tonight

Ah, I'm sorry, a handkerchief

#### Sniff, sniff, such emotion! I'm so, so happy!

Thank you, thanks to my mother who's listening to us tonight Thanks to my beloved brother who is my inspiration! Thanks to my agent, my publicists, my hairdresser, the marketing department Thanks to the managing director of the company for having faith in me! And to everyone on the other side of the Atlantic who has made all this possible I hope I haven't forgotten anyone

Wait, wait, I haven't finished, I've still got people to thank I must have forgotten someone

Oh God!

You, my public, without whom I wouldn't exist My fans who adore me It's you who inspire me to go on Being recognised at last after so many years of work Sniff, sniff, thank you!

And now I think it's time to tell you the truth We've worked out that the end of the world will arrive at midday tomorrow So it really was time for you to give me this prize

What? I'm sorry?

You'd like to take back my prize? You don't want to wait till midday tomorrow to see if I'm right? No?

Well, you deserve to die, you bunch of idiots! Yes, I'm sending you packing, numbskulls, ignoramuses Men of little faith You're all going to hell! Keep your prize, I don't want it at any price

You've never had any credibility I don't need your miserable prize You're all ridiculous as you are You make me puke You're all going to die!

#### **Are You Cool?**

In life there are the cools and the non-cools

The cools think they're cool

They think so because they're gullible

Someone's told them that if they dress as they do they'll be cool

The non-cools don't give a toss, they're not gullible

It's not enough to dress completely in black with steel toecaps on their shoes

It's not enough to dress like Mongolians in frilly spotted skirts to impress the populace

They also have to prove that they're cool

Go on then, prove it to me

I'm waiting, I've got plenty of time

Just how are you cool, Sir?

Just how are you one of the people, Madam?

Oh yes?

How interesting . . . .

You're nothing but a rich bitch

You're nothing but a plonker

Go play wheeler-dealers

Your bubble will soon burst

Your universe will soon expire

No one will have anything to do with you

And the little image of yourself you'd like to project

You're not that bright or wonderful after all

Go fuck yourself!

# I Played Video Games for Ten Years

What an infant prodigy you have there, my dear

Really? He writes poetry?

Ah, how charming!

Does he write in the style of Leconte de Lisle's Barbaric Tales

Barbaric tales, that, yes

It's so good! Like a heart

You too, old bag, lovely as a sow

Straight A's in class? He must have to work so hard every day!

If only . . .

He's in his room . . . but what's he doing there?

Is he writing poetry?

No, but I play lots of video games, spent at least ten years of my life on them

But he's a genius, my dear, like you

How proud you must be!

Lots of regrets of course, a difficult child

Does he listen to classical music and opera? Well, that's wonderful!

And Front 242 and psychedelic rock all night at full blast, the poor parents

What else? He's so polite and respectful

Superficially, yes

You've done a good job, I'm impressed

Let's keep up appearances at any price

Does he have a girl friend?

Er, um, I mean . . . well, I think tea-time is over now

# I Failed My Last Physics Exam

Jesus! Did you understand the question about the rocket?

You put an H and an O<sub>2</sub> and it adds up to water?

Christ, failed again . . .

Forget it, it's Friday, I've got my bottle of cheap wine

I'll throw it up after an hour, so what, we're going out tonight

Fourteen years old, no problem

Two dollars to the doorman and we're inside

We're going to dance all night

Scare off the nice people till only our gang remains

Listen to the music till we're ready to drop dead

Forget the hell of schoolwork

Forget the rest of the planet

Come on, we'll go somewhere else

Will they take our two dollars?

Yes!

Wow, the town bar

Good music!

Colours, lights, sand and palm trees

You'd think you were on another planet

# And when I think of the time it took us to decide to come here The Cure!

The maths test on Monday? What maths test? I'll revise all Sunday night

We wonder how we can get by without having to work too hard

When we hate so much to study, have no interest in it

We're only there because we have to be

It's clear we're not there to learn anything whatsoever

But to stand out from the others in some poxy competitive system

And they tell us there's no way to get out of it

We have to go through it

Oh God, give me another bottle of wine

#### Get A Pint of Milk

On your way home, get some milk, butter and eggs

Ah yes, a sliced loaf with fibre

The one with seeds all over it

Can you remember all that?

Would you like me to write it down?

And a can of Carnation milk . . .

If you can't find it, ask the shopkeeper

Aah!

Am I reduced to being your slave?

You want milk?

Go and get your own carton of milk!

Did Hitler's wife ask him to get some milk on his way home from the office?

Don't forget to empty out the water from the dehumidifier

There's some washing in the machine, would you put it in the dryer?

Could you unload the dishwasher for me?

The plants are dying, you could water them

Have you fed the cats and the snakes?

Have you paid the phone bill?

Jesus Christ!

What the hell do I know about your phone bill?

What the hell do I know about your phone bill?

Pay your own bloody phone bill!

Did Napoleon's wife ask him to pay the phone bill?

Oh, pick up my prescription from the doctor, would you?

The car needs to be taken to the garage

Could you drop off this letter at my mother's?

We should have some flowers for the kitchen

You really should find yourself a job, you don't seem to have enough to do

We could do with another bottle of vodka

Go to the chemist to pick up my pills

Christ almighty, bloody Christ!

I'll shove them up your bum, your sodding pills!

Did Stalin's wife ask him to go and buy a bottle of vodka?

Oops, probably yes . . .

# Mom, Come and Find Your Son

Eighteen years old, covered in acne
Sticky as an egg just fresh from a hen's bum
He looked at me shyly and baffled
You could read all his problem past in his face
His South London accent made it hard to understand him
What was he doing in that car with that old, retired biology teacher?
Letting himself be treated at the bars in the centre of London?
At first he avoided my gaze
Then after a few friendly words
He offered himself to me entirely and forever
As if all I had to do was to sort out his psychological problems
Where he's coming from, there's no hope, he's too damaged by abuse
When I'd had my way with him, there was only one thing left to say:

# **Cock-Teaser**

I'm not your mother, go and look somewhere else!

I see you come in, I seat you at a table
You smile broadly at me and I smile back
I wait for you to beckon me over, I flirt, suggest you try the à la carte menu

I choose the most expensive French wine, the one laid down for decades in our cellars Throughout the meal I keep making double entendres Linking everything to do with cooking to sex From food to bed

Over the pudding I offer myself completely, scratch my balls in front of you I gather all the plates to your side , brushing against your ears And when I give you the bill absent-mindedly, I draw attention to my busy sex life And when I take my tip I say, Thank you, Sir, hope to see you again Then I disappear into the kitchens until you leave I come out again when someone else comes in and begins to smile broadly Then I make him welcome, seating him at a table . . .

# Go Fuck Yourself, Arsehole

There you are going round and round in your wretched little world An ironing board, washing not allowed before eleven o'clock at night No food smells allowed and no crap in the loos in your presence Always glad that you go out every evening Trying so hard to find someone to kiss your fat arse If I put my nose there, I know it would smell of nothing at all Because it's not shit you excrete, but flowers Your obsession is truth So here's the truth for you: I don't love you, in fact I despise you I've cheated on you with the whole planet in your too well-made bed I don't regret in the slightest the harm I've done you You can swallow your pretensions, they don't suit you Your flat sense of humour, keep it for your mother (Only a mother who loved her son could laugh at such mass of inanities) What have you found in my drawers now to be able to find fault with me? You want to suffer, so suffer, because it gladdens my heart to see you suffer And learn that if truth didn't hurt, no one would hide it

#### You Abused Me

We went out to the local pubs

You made me drink five or six pints of lager and God knows what else . . .

I was rat-arsed

I threw up four times (and that was only at your place)

In my state I couldn't undress or stop you from undressing me

So you took advantage

You undressed me

You forced me to kiss you

You made me do things I didn't want to do

You were even a bit violent

You got up next morning saying: My God!

Leaving me for the rest of the day with an impression of the total emptiness

Of your foul and corrupt life

You treated me like a wretched worm

# **Sex? Sign These Contracts...**

Can you take that to paradise?

Good morning, are you from around here? "Are you trying to pick me up?" Er, well, that is . . . "Here are the usual forms to fill out I'd like references from your parents, your friends, your bank Your landlord, if any, your boss, if any . . . " Er, well, it's just . . . I rather thought that . . . "I must have your date of birth (your sign of the Zodiac) The time you were born (for your horoscope) Your name, your age and details of your sexual experience Your education, qualifications, work experience, current employment Your plans for your future career and your chances of succeeding . . . " Do you really have to know all that to . . . . "I'm going to need a thorough medical test, your medical history And what your psychologist really thinks but doesn't tell you . . . " Don't you think that you're . . . .

"Well, listen, I've got your phone number If I'm interested I'll try you out on a part-time basis And if all goes well, then I'll take you on full-time After signing contracts outlining the implications of the long-term relationship you're planning to have with me . . . "

What long-term relationship? All I want is a one-night-stand!

## Twenty-Six Cameras Watch Me When I Shit

When I sell porn magazines to old codgers who travel First Class When I sell porn reviews to the under-eighteens When I sell cigarettes to the under-sixteens There are twenty-six cameras watching me On the pretext of looking for bombs, I can't even pick my nose without someone somewhere watching me

> They've turned me into a robot that has reached perfection I never do anything that could be interpreted as wrongdoing I never say anything about anything I work myself to death in the sweat of my brow So that no one can ever reproach me with anything

I live all day crushed by the stress of constant surveillance, spying on me and weighing up my every gesture

> I've become so paranoid that I feel it's all still going on at home in my room My whole life is now rooted in the assumption that someone is watching me Our children are not going to have it easy

Every parent or government will set up their own little cameras, hidden in every corner They'll be able to buy them in packets of twenty at Tandy or Radio Shack They'll have their perfect society where no one dares to say or do anything any more But at what price?

> Shitting in peace, that was for our great-grandparents But did they have lavatories then?

#### The Nevada Desert

After conquering Paris, we crossed the Atlantic
Los Angeles seemed really small to us compared to Paris
We were stopped on the roads of Nevada by the police and then the army
A convertible Mustang, music at full volume
Reality? Responsibilities? Left behind in London
A knife, a snake, sand dunes stretching to the horizon

A leaden sun, grand canyons, an endless road full of holes

We went on like this till we reached Las Vegas

We discussed the Second World War around a roulette table

With a French woman, a German, a Russian, a Japanese, a Britisher, a Canadian, an American – only the Jews were missing

I won a lot of money too, luck being with me
Next day we were back in the Nevada desert
We were stopped by the police and then the army
A convertible Jag, music to blow your mind
The end of the known world within our reach

A crazy woman ripped off my camera - so much the better, we weren't tourists any more

Bitch, I hope you ate your bellyful that night

We went on like this till we reached San Francisco

When we left Los Angeles again, with the desert far behind us

Something had happened to change us

There are no limits in this world

There is no one in this world more important than anyone else

All of us in this world are as great and as rich as our imagination allows us to be

In this world there is nothing more that can stop us

## **Anarchist Theory**

Chaos theory

When a butterfly flaps its wings on one side of the planet

The other side of the planet is affected

Anarchist theory

When a butterfly flaps its wings here

## The other side of the universe is affected And that means what?

The electrical circuits of our brains can influence the universe

Our thoughts influence the universe to an extent unsuspected before

One day science will catch up with these theories

Distance and time are relative, the time-space continuum is relative

Relative and changing according to the point of view

According to your point of view . . .

You are in control of your life and the lives of others

You can change the configuration of all the atoms in the universe

You are in control of your destiny

You are in control of human destiny

That's the anarchist theory

#### A New Life For Sale

Come here, come on, don't be afraid

Have you seen this watch?

It works really well, it's a Dunhill

Look at this electronic timetable, it works out when your bus is going to arrive

Look, look in my bag

I've got everything

Come here, come on, don't be afraid . . .

A new wallet?

Credit cards?

You want a new life?

A new Canadian passport? That'll open every door!

A valid immigration card?

A genuine certificate of baptism?

A medical-insurance card, wonderful!

A social security card, even better!

Come here, come on, don't be afraid . . .

A new name

A new nationality

A new identity

# A new character Not expensive, not expensive at all We have to adapt ourselves to new eventualities

Come here, come on, don't be afraid . . .

#### **Descent Into Hell**

How many times have I found myself here?

Hundreds of times

Did I see light on the horizon?

Never

But I'm never alone here
I see familiar faces
I meet famous people
Will we all be here?

My descent into hell is infernal

It burns me completely

It eats me away inside until there's nothing left

That's my destiny

A zombie in the caverns of this world

Seeing dimly at the summits of this life

We've all been going round in circles since the beginning of time

How could we have been happy?

With this guilt that eats us
This regret that burns us up
This remorse that kills us
It's a descent into hell

Well, I'm not going to moulder away here

I'm not going to die here

I'm going to get my things together and go up to the surface again

For having suffered so much here on earth, I too am going to go to heaven

#### **Anorexia Nervosa**

Anorexia, the most beautiful illness in the world You die of it when you've sensed something in the atmosphere Letting yourself die of hunger for a good cause Living in another world Alone and misunderstood Misunderstood even by yourself When you've taken note of the bankruptcy around you The vulnerability of the world around you You've taken hold of the wretchedness of the world and put it on your own shoulders Conscious as you are of something else unknown to everyone else It's an attack on other people and their principles It's a pacifist war against life It's refusing life in a world that isn't worth it A mysterious illness A mysterious transformation A mysterious existence A liberation . . .

## **Creating A New World**

Observe the universe and draw your inspiration from it

Everything everyone said would happen up until now – regard it as false

They were mistaken, they were capable of being mistaken

They know no more about it than you know about any subject, they too are human

Knowledge and authority succeed in imposing themselves if there are no alternatives

It's up to you to envisage this new, this better world

Draw your inspiration straight from the universe around you

Reshape it in your own way

Problems to solve?

Inconsistencies?

Your own way of interpreting things?

It's up to you to envisage this new world

Create, create, create this new world
In painting, sculpture, music, literature
In scientific research, photography, films, in virtuality if need be
Create, create, create!
All that passes through your brain
Your instincts, impressions, objectivity, what you are
A new universe is there waiting to be discovered
Starting with the life of your imagination and your dreams
Create a new world!

## **Another Mutilated Body**

When I opened my newspaper this morning and read about another mutilated body

Oh God, I began to dream

Perhaps it was my boss?

Maybe one of my colleagues had had enough and decided to take action?

Or perhaps it was the colleague who works opposite me and has pissed me off since the beginning of the year?

Maybe the company found a swift way to get rid of him?

Ah yes, it must be that bitch from Personnel whose soft words turn our stomachs

Someone probably came along to give her the sack because they couldn't put up with her any longer

Unless it was that government minister who lies all the way to hell and back again and is responsible

for these atrocious laws

Someone probably wanted to make him understand that he could stuff his laws up his . . .

Oh, it must be that extremist priest who makes life impossible for everyone!

Someone thought he had too much power, not right in our modern world

Mmm, and if it was that judge who robbed me of my freedom with one single word?

If so, it'll be difficult to find the culprit . . .

Oh, oh, it's my ex!

The latest lover could also have suffered enough and decided to kill my ex as act of mercy!

Oh, yes it could be any of those undesirables

Then I go on reading and realise that the mutilated body . . .

Is mine!

The guilty are all those whose names I dreamt of reading in the newspaper this morning As for them, they stopped dreaming and went on to action a long time ago

## **Death Valley**

An endless desert
An endless road
The feeling that you'll never see civilisation again
Running out of water or petrol, that's all it needs
On this road which is badly in need of repair
And without a single tourist

This was the moment you chose to make your latest outburst

I panicked, went into the ditch

We hit each other with our fists

I went off into the mountains, or whatever you call those canyons, with my face all bloody

I didn't want you to find me

I didn't want anyone to find me ever again

I walked for a long time and I never felt I was in any danger

Rage made me forget I had no way of getting back to Los Angeles or London

You had all my meagre possessions

It wasn't the first time I'd left everything behind

Your bad temper had become my bad temper
Your problems had become my problems
Your moaning had become my moaning
Your hell had become my hell

And suddenly, lost there alone in the desert

I looked at the sky, the sun and the white moon you see in daytime

And I felt good

I felt happy

Your bad temper, your problems, your moaning, your hell

Were no longer mine

You had already gone on towards Nevada
I was about to die there alone in Death Valley
And I felt wonderful
I had no more problems

## Just When I Thought I'd Understood

It's the same thing every time I leave in fear I get all my data together Make my analysis of the century Present my revolutionary results Then the next day when I leave the house I realise that I was wrong I see that I've misunderstood everything And for good reason There was never anything to understand Just an ambition A desire to get hold of everything and succeed Succeed at what? See what in other people's lives? What was I hoping for? All the elements in action All the interactions every day and everywhere Pressure mounting, the warmth of the people Everywhere the excitement of a crowd let loose What is there to understand? Just when I thought I'd understood

## I've Said It All

Am I trying to say it all?

Is it humanly possible to say it all anyway?

And what would it change if I had tried to say it all?

And if I'd said it all, what then?

Anyway there would still be something more to say

Idiocies, probably
Utterly useless
Bore, bore!

Look, I'm throwing up again, what does that change, eh?

And you, haven't you tried to say it all?

Perhaps you've even tried to say whatever it may be

How often have you thrown up in the loo, eh?

Probably never

You're happy with your husband

If I remember rightly, he stabbed you there, didn't he?

That's what everyone was talking about when you were depressed for so long

Wonderful rumours, another of life's joys

As if it interested me to know how much you were suffering What have you got to say now?

Nothing? That's better than I thought

Ah yes, that's the ideal woman I've been looking for

In fact, you've understood everything

You could sum up my life like that, the search for the ideal woman

Let's add the search for the ideal woman to rape and then murder

You could write about it in the first three or four pages of the newspaper

And a whole psychological book

And three pages of a book on criminal law

I would have made an impact on life

Joy

I've never looked for the ideal woman
That's to say how you've misunderstood
But that doesn't stop you from judging me
And thinking about my possible death
And how I don't give a toss
Anyway, my dear,
I've said it all

## **A Swamp Full of Tadpoles**

I'm the prisoner of something too big for me I try to rise to the surface but I only get lost To die drowned by the waves closing over me I suppose I was looking for it
I wanted to die among the masses
Pass by unnoticed in a world too big for me
To be insignificant in this swamp full of tadpoles
Was I aiming for something, really?

Did I really want to get out of this swamp and become God Almighty?

Have a life being heard and being listened to?

Having my turn at dictating what should be and will be?

Useless to deny it, I wanted to make something enormous

A monstrous centipede capable of yelling in every place at once

A monster with a thousand heads and a thousand voices

The voice of truth, a subjective truth which I could manipulate at a whim

How could I have lost courage

How could I have lapsed into silence among the masses

How could I accept all that?

Impossible

I mingle with the whole so that I can be heard as a whole

To be stronger and more credible

How could I have lost the true north?

Easy, I never lost it

I could be stronger than I've been

I could be the tadpole that rises out of the swamp

Who'll become a powerful frog who can reach the lake

And then I'll be happy

I'll be liberated

I'm going to be able to breathe at last

And if I'm mistaken?

If I have to accept my status of tadpole in this swamp?

Let's be realistic, I've failed at everything

Everyone managed to get out of the swamp

But I'm here for all eternity

And I can't accept it

I still have dreams of glory

How to get out and become bigger than everyone else

But I could be mistaken

I could die here without ever having been heard

Without having made a difference

Please help me to accept this failure

But I could be born again from my ashes

I'm not dead yet
We must keep hoping for a better world
We must stay motivated

We must be hopeful

We must get out of the swamp and make ourselves heard

I have to succeed

There's no choice

It's bigger than I am

We must challenge everything, we must challenge the universe

We must question everything, question our conditions, our position in the universe

It's stronger than I am

It must change!

#### **I Understand**

A wonderful feeling of understanding at last Of savouring knowledge there within reach But it's so simple

Even a cripple in a wheelchair could understand for himself

The power of knowledge

In his heart of hearts

Suddenly seeing things differently

Making my brain work so much better than others

And understanding for myself

Understanding that I have never been able to learn from others

But again, nothing was explained

Nothing made sense

I still know nothing, understand nothing

But I do understand

The irony, this irony, that no one else has ever understood

And no one will ever understand

I'm not going to live any more as I did before

I'm not going to see any more as I did before

I'm not going to hear any more as I did before

I've understood at last!

And that's my revenge!

My revenge for everything you've made me suffer!

For trying to stuff me with all those lies!

You'd never understood anything and you tried to make me understand

Your lies, the lies of history!

Now I understand

I understand

# My Frankenstein's Monster Is Already At Large in the Crowd

I was nothing, I will be everything

Irony of destiny, nothing happened for 30 years

And suddenly everything happened at once

Destiny never abandoned me

It was waiting for the right moment

It was busy preparing me

I'd already talked so much

I'd already been so assertive

And it was silence I heard

But no more

I use all the media at my disposal

Extra-terrestrials light years from here can hear me

They knew how to see further than we do

But not any further than I do

I challenged physics

I challenged science

I got results

I created my Frankenstein's monster

He'll get up one morning and annihilate you all

And I'll laugh like an idiot

I'll raise my glass to my creation and your destruction

You can lock me up, I've already said it all

My Frankenstein's monster is already at large in the crowd

Olé! Ha, ha!

And you think I'm mad

Mad and out of it

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But you're the ones who're mad and out of it

#### Blind for all eternity

Your destiny has abandoned you at the edge of a lake

It only works for those who have understood the mechanisms of life

Who knew how to interpret what had already been seen

Those visions of a relative future which could perhaps change

I've changed it

My Frankenstein's monster is already at large in the crowd

### Who Do You Think You Are?

If we believed you, you're mother and earth If we listened to you, our life belongs to you If we followed your advice, we'd exist only for you Don't you know that we've already planned our exit? Don't you know that we tear you to pieces behind your back? We don't care about you and your work We have a life you'd really like to steal from us We're not crazy Our life will never belong to you You're welcome to believe it but you'll be disappointed You'll be deep in shit sooner than you think Juggling your thousand and one tasks And people will only bring you more You've never learned the rules of good management You've never tried to give us a glimmer of hope You've never tried to give us a moment of pleasure How could you be surprised if we drop you when things get tough? Off you go alone into your own hell, we'll be happy elsewhere

## When You Dream of Glory, I Wank

Bye, bye!

How handsome you are!

How tall!

How strong!

I get a kick out of seeing you get going, seeing you in action

You're at the head of an empire you've built up with your own hands

I ejaculate good and strong for you!

My life belongs to you, I've signed a contract

You're stronger, taller, more handsome than I am, it's in the contract

Just one problem, I haven't signed it yet

Oh, my head, I can't take any more

I see you in Budapest, Munich or Paris

My neurones can't take any more of these orgasms

It itches, oops, what does that mean?

You've got us all queuing up

We see nothing of your uncertainty, your insecurity

We're all wanking in our imagination

We can't feel the stress of your name being there in the front line

We can only smoke our cigarettes

Try to impress you

We have no rights

We have to obey you absolutely and completely

In the name of our pay

In the name of the social hierarchy

And your name

You don't even need to abuse your power, your underlings are imbeciles

They quote your name, they're afraid of you

Ah! Aaaaaah! Aaaaaaaaah!

But not us

We're not afraid to tell you what we think of you and your empire

We're sorry for your underlings

You don't have the right

You don't have any right

As for your money, stuff it up your bum

I'll help you, cramming euros up your backside

Until your title and your achievements are coming out of your ears

We control your empire

We are your empire

We despise you

We despise your name

We despise what you've built up

We don't believe in it

We can see the artifice

You're lost
However tall and strong you may be
You're worthless
We can only do what we can
You took us for your possessions, what a mistake
We've never been on your side
We've never respected you
And no one will ever respect you in these conditions
I wank but I don't think of you
I think of God

## A Little Hitler in the Making

A puny pigeon

Who stands on one leg because the other is ravaged by disease

Let's save it!

These pigeons, they're just rats

Kill them all!

Until there are none left!

There was a time when the whole wonderful world of communications

Depended on pigeons

You must be joking!

But I like pigeons!

No, is there a smile on my face?

Fucking Hitler, these pigeons are more important than you
If you don't understand that, it's not my problem
I'd save this pigeon, this rat, before I'd save you
That's the power of freedom I've given myself

See us like slaves

Treat us like slaves

And you'll see, we'll save the pigeons before we'll help you

Because your power doesn't matter very much, we were against you from the beginning

We didn't believe in you

We weren't afraid, we plotted your destruction

Hitler or no Hitler, we're independent, we have freedom

You don't stand a chance and you've never understood that

Power is in the hands of the people

The people rising up, waking up to reality We're free! Free to destroy you To feed the pigeons To save the pigeons Leaving you to die While we live at last . . .

## **Innocence Is Never Innocent For Too Long**

In your hands innocence soon becomes dirty Panic-stricken at the sight of you, at your orders Innocence isn't mad Or innocent for too long Shove us in the back Hold your meetings until there's no oxygen left Until everyone has lost all reason Because the least of your desires hasn't been fulfilled And innocence will rebel It will do a complete turnaround and you won't understand why You think you have this power But it's only virtual Destiny works too hard Taking us far from you You think you have this power But it's derisory Our desires lead us elsewhere To a better world where you don't exist You poison existence and you never understand That's all right because we understand And we're going to rid ourselves of you

Innocence is never innocent for too long

### Oh My God!

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I thought I was stupid

I thought I was incapable of seeing beyond reality

I asked myself, how could I be right?

All those great men have annihilated me, destroyed my ideas

They know each other, they've written history

I'm worthless, I'm ignorant

But they were blind, they are deaf

I hold this terrifying knowledge in my hand

I can annihilate . . . not just this planet but the whole universe!

And it's so easy, it's frightening

I shiver at the thought that someone else may have found the same results by mistake

They won't know what they they're playing with

Innocence doesn't forgive

Oh my God!

At last I've got the power to see far into space

I've got he power to live in an alternative reality

I've got the power to communicate with the stars

I've got the power

The learning

Absolute knowledge

I am dangerous

I am mad

I am strong

I am

Oh my God!

Did you think we would never get that far?

Understanding the endlessness of the universe

Moving beyond everything

Annihilating everything in our enthusiasm

An absolute power over infinity

Man is not as large as the universe

Man is larger than the universe

And that will be his destruction

## You Opened the Gates of Hell

I seemed innocent, sitting there, listening to you I was the student who knew nothing about life You taught me everything Spared me nothing

You wanted to show off all your knowledge but didn't see any further Didn't understand that I already had all the answers That you'd just given me something that was missing The student will suddenly overtake the teacher

You opened the gates of hell

I'm going to explode over the mornings of the universe I'm going to born great because I've understood everything

> I've got nothing more to write I've got nothing more to say I've got nothing more to prove I've got all the answers

I don't need to follow anyone any more Don't need to listen and understand I don't give a toss about any of it Suddenly nothing is of any importance Nothing exists

I no longer manage to understand anything I've known I don't recognize anyone I'm already too far gone on my own way I've lost all the people who tie me to this planet And I'm ready at last to live on another level Absolute inner peace

I'm going to live eternal life As I've always wished I'm living in infinity

#### If I Were Einstein

Go and find out what there is to know

And no one will believe you

You could be Einstein outlining your theory of relativity

And people would laugh in your face

What good does it do to understand the secrets of the universe

If people only laugh in your face?

Go and find out

If I were Einstein and I'd understood everything
And people just laughed in my face
I'd still be great and strong as regards the universe
Because I'd have understood
What good does all that vanity do?
Go and find out

All that vanity succeeds in preventing you from committing suicide Why?

Go and find out

## In The Depths of the Marais

I'm a frog

I spend my time in the Marais

I jump everywhere between the Town Hall and the Seine

I go into disreputable places

I do disreputable things

I feel that no one is judging me

I wander into dark corners

Life is great in the Marais

Even if I'm green and sticky

And spend the night croaking

To the sound of barbaric music

My voice is still distinct

Someone finds me, warms me up

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#### **Church Street**

Oh Church Street, let me praise you to the skies

Blessed art thou among all streets

Holy, holy, holy Church Street

Live in the peace of God the Father, the love of the Holy Ghost

The sacred laws of union between two beings

This is the body of Christ, drink his murderous blood

Oh Church Street, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

You give us our daily bread while leading us to the temptation of evil

But oh, Church Street, the fruit of thy womb is blest

## What I've Found in the Holy Bible of the Hotel

(in The New American Standard Bible version, placed by The Gideons)

Taxi cab drivers are happy today

They make lots of money off the hookers and rock stars and people on welfare

Fuck politics and fuck you all

You better be real fast to keep up with me ass hole

I must love a woman in order to enjoy making love with her

Can we have sex after Church up in your apartment?

I will tell you all my business

I had the biggest you know what

And I just wanted to fuck you all, you lovely ladies

I want you to know that I miss your smiles

Have a nice day

So what fuck head

I can beat you all up you know

I can punch you real hard and one shot can drop you flat on the ground, if you get too close or say something to me I don't like

You're all a bunch of fools, and I laugh to you all

## The Hidden Knowledge of Things

Do you know what the initiates know?

The hidden knowledge of things

I'm an initiate

The initiate learns for himself

He observes the universe and find his answers

And his answers are false

Are you an initiate?
Have you observed the universe?
To learn the hidden knowledge of things?
Have you found answers?
They're false

There are no initiates

There is no hidden knowledge of things

There is nothing to learn for yourself

The answers are false

Answers are always false

## The Voice of a Generation

You got up one morning

Someone else had roused you to achieve something

You called him the voice of a generation

Perhaps he died after galvanising you

You could have made a quick reckoning of this transfer of energy

You identified that wonderful voice

It was probably what you'd been waiting a long time for

To brighten the dark mornings of our lives

Then you didn't understand anything

You and no one else are that voice for a whole generation

You're in a position to create your own existence

To make it as beautiful and extraordinary as you've always dreamt

This will be a mad adventure, perhaps one with no future

You'll think you're making so many useless sacrifices, perhaps

Probably dying of hunger

But determination always leads somewhere

Stay motivated, that's the secret

Be imaginative, leap over obstacles and pull down barriers

One day perhaps you'll understand this motivation

The voice of a generation is your voice!

Your motivation, your creation, your ideals!

You've always wanted it!

You know you have this potential within you!

It's waiting, it's about to explode!

Don't wait too long

You'll run the risk of falling too soon into social realities

Leave! Get out of your rut! Go and find people who think like you!

Leave everything behind, drop everything, lose everything to begin a new life!

We never regret having left because we can always come back

But coming back will always be far from your thoughts

Because no regression can be acceptable

You'll make unbelievable mistakes, you'll suffer, but . . .

You'll be the voice of a generation

## I'm Making History

I move buildings and build pyramids from nothing

I'm poor but pile up wealth and devise systems

I'm not highly educated but can charm and create life at the same time

I have no parents and no children but recognize myself in everyone and give birth to stars

I study the most insignificant details in depth and make myths from whatever happens

Through me history comes into being

Through me history exists

I am the very essence of life

Because my ambition is strong enough to achieve great things

## I Am God the Father

I am God the Father Creator of the universe There, I've said it I've got nothing to add