

If I Was A Bum

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If I was a bum
I'd risk everything
for a drink or a smoke
I would beg and curse and steal
if I was a bum

If I was a bum
I would cuss out the Pope
I would not vote for anyone
because I would know truly
they'd be telling gross lies

If I was a bum
I would understand that the sun
constantly moves around the shade of trees
and that the earth stands still
in the midst of it all

and that drink and drugs
are the only reality
and even the great songs
are lies and cannot be telling the truth
if I was a bum

The darkness would engulf me
and become my blanket
and only friend
I would know
no other lover

If I was a bum

I would know my place
at the center of the earth
underneath the dirt of the universe
and the weight of every eye

If I was a bum
I would run for President of all bums
promise them nothing
and never be unable
to deliver

I would end all hope
once and forever
and make everyone learn
to laugh again
even if it hurt

