

Earthling, First Transmission

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I'm rock
I'm roll
Nat King Cole
Schatzakovic drowning in a fish bowl
Earthling something you can never get a hold of
Baby took a load off
And then she strolled off
Whistling
Hummin'
Thumbin' a ride
"Driver won't you take me to the other side?"
I'm a book
A poem
By Leonard Cohen
Son of the dice man
And I won't stop throwing
I'm Boris Karloff
The man they could not hang
I'm a ruffneck romantic
Talkin' that slang
I'm Jesus Christ superstar
Driving around in an old yellow car
I'm jumping on the balcony
Landing on a bigger man
I can fly
I fly to Japan
Hail stones falling on my dreads
Reminding me of something Hendrix said

Tunes from the room
Come back on many levels
Sounds from the earthling swing and dishevel
I'm Pollyana in the way that I portray
Poo poo
La la
I kiss you on a good day

Hey little beetle
Sliding in my bath
When you flip on your back
You really make me laugh
I used to kill worms when I was a kid
Like Mr. McLaren, someday I'll kill Sid
Crazy how my girl wants a simple life
She's a simple schizophrenic but we get along fine
I'm a young parisian,
Maybe I'm mistaken
Maybe I'm cuban
Maybe I'm jamaican

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Kickin' like a kung-fu Shakespeare
Another girl another planet
On the corner, just wasted
Oh gosh
Oh gosh
Oh Juliette Binoche
I'm on my way to Babylon, by bus

I'm a big bloke
When I smoke, I don't choke
"Hi Malachi" let's talk about hope
In the beginning
Head spinin' make me dizzy
I'm the mirror man
So don't ask who is it
London is my city
Jamaica's my country
Africa's my history
It ain't no mystery
How I came to be
Earthling-free
Sitting in Ilford watching TV

Where's Uhura
On an adventure
Did she touch your sexual centre?
Cursing
Never seen an earthling
Never seen a microphone
Microphone
Now i'm all alone

Lost in my head
On the road until tomorrow
I'm double demented
Like William Burroughs
P to the I to the M P
Pimp
Sako Urinocho reading Iceberg Slim

I'm Marcus Garvey
I'm Harvey Keitel
I'm the ghost of a dog chasing Edie Brickell
It's crazy perplexing
I'm hexing like a haitian
I'm an Arowak Indian
Picking pockets like Fagan

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I'm Michelangelo working on a totem pole
I'm Gallileo studying Shinto
I'm the rest of the earth giving birth to a baby
Grasshopper, tell me about slavery

I'm in a sauna, watching television
Yeah, Tripitaka gave me permission
I'm that man in 1686
Saying black people come from venus
Yeah

I saw her reading poetry
Practising verses
What's the meaning of 33 degrees in the morning ?
It ain't easy man
It ain't easy