## Mike Scott, December

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December is the cruelest month this time for once my cheeks are warm After long years in the monkey-house I am ready for the storm Let them throw all their cannonballs let all their strongmen come I'm ready to go anywhere through venom, sick and scum!

December isn't always cold this year she's mine, I know why Somewhere a flower has to grow for every flower that dies I'm stricken with fever but my heart is strong as steel I'm ready to go anywhere! I can believe I can feel!

December is a trusted friend I always recognise her face It's a plague of fool thrown aside forever by her soft and silent grace She is reckless as a Mayday gentle as a stone She's ready to go anywhere to carry me back home!

December fell deep in the bleak winter time when Jesus Christ Howled to save your baby's howl primal truth as pure as ice And though we crucified him on a cross and dragged his word from payer to curse He was able to go anywhere he was almost one of us!