

# Siobhan, Welfare State

When I was just a baby, I looked up at me ma  
And asked her for a couple of feckin' quid  
At school at seven years, I cried some bitter tears  
They wouldn't let me root inside the rubbish bins  
And soon I could be found sitting on the ground  
Starting at the folks walking by  
Scratching my privates, with a twinkle in my eye

The times were lookin' thin, but the government stepped in  
And sent me to a special bloody school  
Sent my parents loads of friggin' money just the same  
And taught this boy to play by the rules  
And the years were kind to me, I got my PHD  
A house a car a beautiful wife  
But sometimes you know I feel,  
They robbed my of my life

Chorus:  
Now the bank has come to call  
To repossess it all  
And I can't fuckin' wait  
Cause I was born to be a homeless man  
in the modern welfare state

Now my ass was out of Yale, I rode the corporate rails  
Fed my kids with silver bloody spoons  
At night I put my head on a thousand dollar bed  
Safe and warm inside this cocoon  
But my dreams were full of fire, of chaos and desire  
And floods to change the night to the day  
And watching this whole world slowly washing away

Chorus:  
Now the rent is overdue, the wife and I are through  
The kids have run away to live in peace  
And for \$19.99, I've bought a box of wine  
And my hair and clothes are soiled up with grease  
So let the bastards come and see this ruddy bum  
Now that I am gentle and wise  
For all these bloody years, I was a hobo in disguise