

**“HOBOHO” E.P. by BABYLON SQUEAK  
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**PIÑATA**

I can't lift a finger  
I can't lift my head  
I can't remember  
A single word you said

It's a good year, I'm tired  
Cannon fodder, I'm fired

I'm a ceiling inspector  
A qualified tester of beds  
Like Zorro at a book signing  
I'm giving lots of zeds

Hold down floorboards - lacquered  
Call me Jacob, cream crackered

Don't give me a shake  
Give me a break  
I'm not trying;  
I'm a pulverised piñata  
Eyes like plum tomatoes  
Let me lie in  
Let me lie in state

Didn't wake up this morning  
Man, I've got the snooze

My get-up-and-go has got up and gone  
My plug's fitted with refuse

Lullaby, Gretel tell Hansel  
Sleeping Beauty has cancelled

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### **RATER RATER**

Four star mattress  
Two star dream  
Three star sunshine  
Five star coffee bean  
Four star bacon  
Three star eggs  
One star romance  
Five star sex

**RATER! RATER!**  
Don't wait till later  
**RATER! RATER!**  
Accumulator  
We - Must - KNOW!  
We - Must - KNOW!

Five star razor  
Two star soap  
Four star blazer  
Three star dope  
Two star taxi  
Four star shoes  
Three star gravel  
Five star mews

RATER! RATER!  
Analyse the data  
RATER! RATER!  
Aggregator  
We - Must - KNOW!  
We - Must - KNOW!

Three star review  
Two star book  
Five star reception  
One star martini - shook!  
Three star speeches  
Five star free bar  
Four star one-to-one  
Two-face star

RATER! RATER!  
Was it cheesy? Was it greater?  
RATER! RATER!  
Mass culture tabulator  
We - Must - KNOW!

We - Must - KNOW!

## **HOBOHO**

Don't depress the button  
The lights will not change  
Like everything else  
They're set, timed, pre-ordained.  
Bop between the bumpers  
Without the lollypop man's help  
Skip before the scooters  
Make a moccasin of your scalp.

I can see you still  
You made it on the other side  
From hobo to boho  
Drive by me denied a ride.

One more baby means  
One less parking space  
But no buck stops here  
Get off my packed case.  
Strung out gallows humour  
We're the crewcut half-cut crew  
Hug the smug drugglers  
A.M. departure, bid adieu.

I can hear you still  
Reassure me like a pup  
But we found some dogs get put down  
When we sober up.

Blowing out what we shared  
Like dog-end bad dope  
Divide me from your inner circle  
With a velvet rope.  
Offer yourself for a pound  
They'll sell you for a penny  
It's not your guts that I hate  
Because you've not got any.

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### **STARVING IN A LIMO**

Starving in a limo  
On the dark side of the sun  
A-list tramps bang the window  
Stargazers set to stun  
My conscience is unconscious  
My interpreter's a gun  
I'm starving in a limo  
On the dark side of the sun

Gold coats my incisors  
My gums are platinum  
Onboard, offshore advisers  
How mental is my fund  
Isn't is as doesn't does  
You hang on the threads I've spun  
I'm starving in a limo  
On the dark side of the sun

Figures can be massaged  
Appearances airbrushed  
Standing on my mountain  
Of enemies I've crushed  
Out of the range of slings and arrows  
In my elevated shoes  
It's not enough that I win  
Everyone must lose

Faces come and places go  
I walk where others run  
Tell Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego  
"There's one I in 'aluminum'"  
Something's eating away at me  
I can't put my finger on  
I'm starving in a limo  
On the dark side of the sun

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