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Bound to Earth, Bound for Heaven (This is Your Box)

We graze on the gray ceilings of classroom and auditorium
Feeding off of flickering fluorescent bulbs to brighten our boredom
Setting off flames and explosions that started in our angst ridden fuse
Searching for each moment to burn our passionate adolescent muse.
When hormones and harlots feed on each other's lust
Puberty and pregnancy and prostitution show that we cannot hold trust.
We break down and we cry over those who are more immature and vain
While we (the hypocrite) stand in a mirror and scream over our insecure pain.
Diving head first into the earth our only reward is a mud made crown.
Beyond our knees, we're up to our necks, we choke on dirt and drown.
When we've been digging deeper and still only strike on rock bottom
The farther, and the further we sink, breathing becomes more seldom.
We're all alive, stuck here, bound to earth but bound for Heaven.
Wishing to leave town like the zit-faced clerk at Seven-Eleven.
For far too long we have stood, jaded, staring at a far away star
Hoping to become bright and elated like so many dreams are.
(Stop, this is your box, if you don't break out of it you'll never move)
Let's let go of this scorched grassless ground
Lift garbaged souls into a gravity's empty sound
From a desolate Earth,
To a star's bright mirth
Regurgitating filth fed by media and popularity
Lightening the load by losing thoughts of incapability
Willing to let the skeletal wings stop fluttering
And fall into stars with light-headed breathing.
Ideas drain when all those dire needs drop
The spine doesn't break or feel a single knot.
We can release our grip of the soil and break through the atmosphere
Cleaning ourselves from the grime and oil we can let go of all that fear.
(Stop, this is your box, if you don't break out of it you'll never live)
When we're untied from posts of worry and self-sympathy
Doses of care are brighter than gold if taken with a little apathy