

Reincarnation

One life is enough for me
Then it's "Position Closed" for eternity
Let me say methinks of Heaven
'tis to stay in bed way past eleven

Yet I must confess to ill thoughts
Nocturnal visions of bad sorts
"Cancelled" splashed in big letters
Where once read my eternal leisure

You're wanted back to re-enact
A helpless, hapless mendicant
What's in store for me and you
Performing yet another review?

Loud and proud you star, your debut
But to all before, "This is intolerable!"
That temper tantrum you loved to throw
"A clip 'round the ear" – 'twas sure to follow

Those jolly old days spent at school
Intent, you were, on playing the fool
Yet when everything's said and done
Work, work, work wasn't much fun

Adolescence – plagued by zits
Empty pockets, embarrassing chart hits
Pass, pass, pass, for a comfy life
Exams were pain and torture and strife

Now you've grown big and strong
To think you're free is woefully wrong
Time to straddle that career path,
Government Health Warning: "Not good for your heart"

Sweat and toil earns a weekly wage
"Gas, electric and a bloody mortgage!"
Nine to five: "Welcome to the rat race"
Forty years at break-neck pace

Let's say a word for our children
The world we work as our right to defend,
We pass on nothing, for they grab the mantle
Despising our chance they'll soon find too hot to handle

And when it's time to retire
A drop of rum and a cosy fire
But life is cruel, there's little to hail
Throughout your soul you're weak and frail

And when you die...
You don't "visit the spirit in the sky"
A fate awaits worse than damnation
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