The Battle of Hampton Roads

Titus Andronicus

Tonight two great ships will pull back to their ports Depleted of everything that shoots flames and reports And in the morning the shells will wash up on the shore And the mighty of Earth will have no other recourseBut to shiver and shake and make shit in their shorts

Because we have been told that if you've been assured There's a way to live the values your forefathers gave you Prepare to be told "That shit's gay, dude" Well, I guess that what they say is true That there is no race more human

No one throws it away like they do The things I used to love, I have come to reject

The things I used to hate, I have learned to accept

And the worst of the three, you now have to expect

Satan ain't hard to see without craning your neck

He'll be seventy-some inches tall

He'll be chugging a beer and he'll be grabbing his balls

He's a remote explosive waiting for someone to call

He's just eighteen for now but he's going to murder us all Solidarity's going to give a lot less than it'll take

Is there a girl at this college who hasn't been raped? Is there a boy in this town that's not exploding with hate? Is there a human alive that can look themselves in the faceWithout winking?

Or say what they mean without drinking?

Or believe in something without thinking, "What if somebody doesn't approve?" Is there a soul on this Earth that isn't too frightened to move? I think the wrong people got a hold of your brain

When it was nothing but a piece of putty

So now try as you may

But you will always be a tourist, little buddy And half the time I open my mouth to speak

It's to repeat something that I heard on TV

And I've destroyed everything that wouldn't make me more like Bruce Springsteen So I'm going back to New Jersey, I do believe they've had enough of meSo when I leave Boston, my tail is between my legs

After deep cups of patience have been drunk to the dregs

And now I'm heading west on 84 again

And I'm as much of an asshole as I've ever beenAnd there is still nothing about myself I respect Still haven't done anything I did not later regret

I've a hand and a napkin when I'm looking for sex

And that's no one to talk to when feeling depressed And so now when I drink, I'm going to drink to excess

> And when I smoke, I will smoke gaping holes in my chest And when I scream, I will scream until I'm gasping for breath

And when I get sick, I will stay sick for the restOf my days peddling hate out the back of a Chevy Express

Each one a fart in the face of your idea of success

And if this be thy will, then fucking pass me the cup

And I'm sorry, Dad, no, I'm not making this upBut my enemy, it's your name on my lips as I go to sleep

And I know what little I've known of peace

Yes, I've done to you what you've done to me

And I'd be nothing without you, my darling, please don't ever leavePlease don't ever leave

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