## **Bill McCai**

## **The Coral**

His family taught him right from wrong With local tales and children's songs Sunday school was his shelter With his friends Joe and Walter Now those days seem far away An empty swing where he once played Now Bill's grown so fat and bald He never thought that he'd grow oldAnd everyday when he gets the train Looks out the window and thinks in vain If I could only be that boy again His sales job it gets him down Same old faces same old sounds Heart attacks, orthopaedic backs Documents in labelled racks His wife can't stand the sight of him With his routine glass of gin She makes his lunch of processed ham And waits in for the meter manAnd everyday when he gets the train Looks out the window and thinks in vain If I could only be that boy againAnother day another gin His kids don't even notice him Something different about his face His happy smile seems out of place His family gathered round for tea Eyes fixed on their new telly Newsflash came, then it said Bill McCai was just found dead No more windows, no more trains Hung himself out in the rain Now he'll never be that boy again And we say bye-bye Bill McCai

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