

Why?

We need to know why
Some people see more beauty
In a needle full of opiate
Brewed in the bowl of a dirty dessert spoon
In a rented bed sit of squalor
Than in the promises of a civilised nation

We need to know why
Some people prefer a head full of crack
To get through the day
Or a skin full of skunk
To prise open fissures in their personality
Only to be labelled as anti-social out-casts

We need to know why
People sleep in the bottoms of spirit bottles
Keeping their nightmares company
Giving their fears more credence
By weakening their immune systems
And killing off their liver

We need to know why
Drinks advertising only shows the good times
And ignores the depressions and the guilt and the lies
And how it can break up families
And wipe out childhoods
With just another one for the road

We need to know why
Documentaries glamorise
Lad and Ladette cultures
Showing togetherness and belonging
Based on the common grounds of generation
And ingested toxicity levels

We need to know why
Discussions on legality go round in circles
What is and isn't a good drug
Debates on what's safe and unsafe are not the issue
It should be enough to see that there are victims
And we need to know why