

What's Wrong With This Picture
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Neon buzzing of the vacancy sign
Ice machine humming, so's the power line
TV's on mute, reruns of MASH
6 pack in the fridge, make the evening last

Blood on the mirror of the bathroom wall
Plastic Jesus has seen it all
The toilet needs fixin', drip drip drip
The smell will send you on a crappy trip

A muffled scream from the room below
Some punk on speed is beating his ho
Bible in the drawer, never been read
The sheets are sticky, the light is dead

Window's glued shut, the air is broke.
Taking a sip, having a smoke
Waving to the gals, queens in drag
All my belongings in a thrifty bag

And now the sky cracks open, a bold flash of light
Rain pours down on this Saturday night
Hell is boiling over, spilling back on earth
My four leaves of clover have lost all its worth

In this seedy flophouse dreams come to die
Home for now and you know why
A photo lies torn next to a Greyhound ticket
What's wrong with this picture, it has you in it