

## **Tinnitus**

Worth it  
Whether it be the cheap seats  
Searing wind shears  
\$10 beer  
Or undying devotion  
To Tears for Fears

Worth it  
If only to watch that prancing pony  
Pirouette in pastures  
Succumb to rapture  
And evade capture  
By dastardly slavemasters

Worth it  
To live in a world  
Where young black women  
Enjoy the rewards for which they have striven  
And embrace the love that is given  
By the nails that were driven  
Into the cotton religion

It is the solemn duty  
Of every bureaucrat  
To formulate an equation of state  
A function of taxes, lasses, and plastic games  
And thereby account for boundary conditions  
Consisting of enmity, pride, and sedition  
And petition for redress

Only then  
When the known unknowns are shown  
To be only slightly onerous  
Can a steady state reactor churn  
And earn respect  
From the conversion of the masses  
Given sufficient catalyst

## **Nottingham Forest**

The Force whispered to me  
Of a forest in distress  
I beheld the forces of shear stress  
Impelling even the hardiest of trees  
To bend the knee  
Under duress

I counted blessings  
Three fellings, to be precise  
Three corpses rejected exercise  
Of their sappy moorings

I chose not to call the cops  
To the copse  
Rather, I fled  
The house of the dead  
Lest I gain my head

## **Make It A Melody League**

I reserve the right to be wrong  
In every conceivable way  
I know nothing  
About myself  
And the entirety of the human race

I reserve the right to sing songs  
About the things I do not understand  
Politics, religion, abiogenesis  
And the wonderful way of a woman  
With gentle, strong hands

I reserve the right to be wronged  
By the resolution of a song

## **Declaration of Independence**

When in the course of cosmic events  
It becomes necessary  
For one people to dissolve  
The spiritual bands  
Which have connected them with another  
One may begin to wonder  
Why the bands were rent asunder

We hold these truths to be self-evident  
That all men are created evil  
That they are crippled by their Creator  
With certain unalienable blights  
That among these are death, slavery, and the pursuit of mammon

That to maintain these plights  
Religions are instituted among men  
Deriving their cruel powers  
From the subjugation of the governed

That whenever any religion becomes destructive  
It is the God-given right of the people  
To desist and accept it

The history of the present God of the Multiverse  
Is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations  
All having in direct object  
The establishment of an absolute Tyranny  
Over this planet

To prove this  
Let facts be submitted  
To a fallen world

He has pronounced death and pain upon humans  
Cursing humanity for the choices of two  
Though they knew not right from wrong

He has sown division and discord into humanity  
At the tower of Babel

He has drowned the world  
Every plant and animal  
Every unborn child

He has demanded the sacrifice of Isaac

Abraham's only legitimate son  
He has chosen one ethnic group  
To the exclusion of his other children

He has hardened Pharaoh's heart  
And slaughtered the Egyptian firstborns

He has demanded animal sacrifice  
And copious quantities thereof  
To slake his thirst for blood  
He has condoned slavery  
The subjugation of alien peoples

He has decreed the mutilation of infant genitals  
As prerequisite for citizenship

He has reduced women to property  
Forced them to wed their rapists  
Sentenced them to death for the act of premarital sex  
Induced the abortion of illegitimate children

He has forbidden the maimed  
The undesirable, the crippled, the lame  
From congress in his courts of praise

He has ordered the stoning of children  
For the slightest of transgressions

He has condemned the children for the sins of their fathers  
Initiating a ghastly inheritance

He has commanded the wholesale slaughter  
Of Canaanite men and children  
The pillage of countless villages  
The enslavement and rape of virgin dames

He has commissioned bears to mutilate children  
For mocking his prophet

He has sent his only begotten son  
That whosoever believeth not in him  
Shall surely perish  
And shall surely burn  
Forever and ever  
In the lake of fire

He has pledged to return in wrath  
To cavort in the blood of the nations

He has demanded obeisance  
The bending of every knee  
And eternal praise  
For beating the game  
That he created

In every stage of these oppressions  
We have petitioned for redress  
In the most humble terms  
Our repeated prayers have been answered  
Either by deafening silence  
Or unremitting violence

A deity whose character is thus marked  
By every act which may define a Tyrant  
Is unfit to be the ruler of a free people

We, therefore  
The representatives of the human race  
And the animal kingdom  
Appealing to our intrinsic dignity and empathy  
Do solemnly publish and declare  
That this world is and ought to be  
Comprised of free and independent animals  
Absolved from all allegiance to YHWH  
And that as free and independent people  
We have full power to levy war  
Conclude peace  
Police our social dealings  
And love whomever we please  
And for the support of this declaration  
With a firm rejection  
Of the proffered salvation of divine origin  
We mutually pledge to each other  
Our lives  
Our futures  
And our sacred souls