

VANESSA PLACE
PSALM

2010

Argument

(S) Being a good people, if we were wrong, we would change.
(S) We would not change.

Proverbs

Without passion, no reason.
Without mind, no body.
Without body, your soul.
Without point, our purpose.
There must be an extraordinary.
There are contradictions.
A dog's skull is slightly thicker than our own.
We will have coffee, and, after breakfast, a short walk.
We will wear shaggy coats and carry sidearms. There will be a game of
chance. We will lose.
We will win. We will ascend to the throne and make apple fritters
drenched in warm syrup.

Arise criminals!

We will find pockets of peat and hot cross buns.
If you have no daughters, marry your sons.
Oh, what lidless day, when they took my baby away.

Psalm

I do not intend to hurt anyone.
I did not intend to hurt anyone.
O Jerusalem, we gutless few delighting
sobre tierra de libres
In perspicacity
what you would see if you were not
drown'd in sound and sight
wooly-headed as a chrysanthemum
literal as the lamb.
What we could do as one in two,
our prayers made hand-in-hand
you are my voodoo chile
my voodoo chile
Were pity pure birthright
and charity simplicity;
Were babies born not guilty
and ladies told the truth
were human nature natural
and
catastrophes unmanned,
were people made of popsicles,
accliving the summer sun
were lidless pearls more decorous,
and all our battles won
were these the these which would us please
there'd be no need for Americans
for heart would will what it would want
and all of art be
damn'd.