

## **Loosefish Scapegrace**

Cardiacs

*Song for Ships and Irons, 1988*

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To drain the cup of misery  
Put dirty water in their tea  
Join them to the armies

What do the acts do they perform  
In institution uniform  
Pay in the price to pay for day  
To spill or fritter away

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All my magnitude stops the irons entering my soul  
Here I stand and I can and I like it

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To the dregs the only place to be

I'm a man seeing if I can be a bigger man  
And be the big world holder  
And wear it on my shoulder  
Confiscate all the hearts and minds of all human kind  
And give a daring operation  
To deflect all life's afflictions

Nastiness disease squandermania prevails  
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Here I stand and I can and I like it  
To have no being be the null and void  
To be no more leave no rack behind  
So I dissolve away  
So to be such stuff as dreams are made

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Nastiness and diseases will  
Choose me any path it pleases  
I don't sleep I die  
My bed is always closing in on me  
I desolve

Void  
Vacuum  
Goosegash  
(?)  
(?)  
Loosefish

I will stake all my pride against my suicide  
And wear upon my shoulder  
The mark of a good soldier  
Malice having the itchy palm  
With a sparing hand  
Making ducks and drakes of evil  
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