

Type: Poem  
Topic: Prison Life

## What if I Said

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What if I said  
That I had to stomp a skull flat  
Cause the predators here  
Only respect that?

What if I said,  
"Yeah, I've sold drugs...  
So the woman I love  
Could care for the children we have?"

What if I said  
That those who wear white  
Only let me wear black  
And preach cause of that  
I must be bad?

What if I said  
That most those I know  
Sold their souls long ago  
To chemicals  
— leaving me bitterly alone?

What if I said  
That prison life's really weird,  
And I don't fear death,  
Grinning,  
As he stares from the mirror?