

No Such Thing

I'm sorry
There's no such thing
As a human being
Only all the possibilities
In the conditions of living
Sublime dignity
Selfless generosity
Barbaric brutality
Vicious depravity
And everything in between
There's no such thing
As a human being
Only what we seed into being

Imagine compassion
Courageous action
Imagine that
A young Greta screamed
At the so-called leaders
An the UN assembly
In their ill-fated meeting
Greta screamed "How dare you!"

Of course we may act with courage
In a most important realm
And then be utterly morally mistaken
In another situation
Misinformed, perhaps misled
To be human is complex
DNA, rearing, personal experience
Education, nutrition and friends
All determining just how that seed
Will grow in the end
It all depends

Cause there's no such thing
As a human being
only all the possibilities
Look around what we see
Throughout all of history
War!
Plant a seed
Bombs!
Plant a seed
Butchering babies!
Plant a seed
Burning children alive!
Oh my god!

There is no such thing
As a human being
Only what we seed ourselves to be
In conditions we arrange
From the range of possibility
For our growth to take shape
The ideas we choose to feed on
Destructive futility
Or ballets of agility
Toward human flourishing
And who we are becoming

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