

Kicked Out

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kicked out of school
cuz you couldn't make the grade
cuz after 8 years
some of the other students were starting to complain

kicked out of work
cuz you never made sense
cuz the customers were nervous
with the way you stared

kicked out of home
cuz you wouldn't take a bath
cuz you're killing us all with worry
and you never seem to learn

kicked out of church
cuz you couldn't help it
if an occasional "goddamn" somehow just erupted

kicked out of the group home
cuz "you're alright now
you can make it on your own
don't worry — we believe in you"

kicked out of your apartment
cuz you couldn't pay the rent
and the landlady's screamin', "my god!
what's that smell?!
what have you done to my walls! my furniture!"

you're hangin' out at McDonald's
and you're hungry
so when they put a bag on the counter
you grab it
you turn around to walk out and there's the manager
he asks you to return the bag
then he puts together a little meal for you
he asks you to please eat outside
and he doesn't mind helpin' out
but please don't come back
they're not in the business of givin' out free food

so you come back the next day
and there's a different manager

you ask the cashier for a Big Mac
but when you won't pay
the other manager asks you to leave
and the kids makin' burgers are whisperin'
that's the same guy as yesterday

so you hang outside
askin' people for quarters
till eventually the cops come and walk you off the premises

kicked out of the mall
every time you go in
by the burly mall-cops who hold your arms too tight

kicked out of the shelter
cuz they didn't like you when you wouldn't sing the jesus songs
cuz you had one drink too many
and knocked over some furniture

so you go back to McDonald's for some food
but this time the cops come and lock you up
but that's okay
cuz they feed you and you're warm

next day, you're kicked out of jail
cuz no one bothered to press charges
but hopefully that one night did you some good

so you curl up in some bushes in the business district
till some cops come by and ask you questions
the lady cop says
"I think you're going to have to move on now"
and you say "what did I do now?
It was that I pissed in the corner of the building, wasn't it?"
and she says
"I don't think it was *that* in particular
It's just that this is private property and you can't stay here"

but the whole damn town is private property
and they won't let you sleep in the park
and these days you don't have a family to go to
and you never had friends

so you walk down the street muttering
and you find another spot