

# Jeffrey Lewis, The Last Time I Did Acid I Went Insane

It was a night in July, I think six years ago  
Why did I eat the acid? I don't know  
I wasn't thinking and I wasn't scared  
Why did I eat the acid? I wasn't prepared  
The last time I did acid I went insane

I was hanging with some friends just getting loaded  
When all of a sudden my mind exploded  
I had a flash that I was gay and I got paranoid  
I was sitting on the floor listening to Pink Floyd  
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And I was drawing crazy pictures and before I was done  
The pictures started pulsing like an alien lung  
And I said "oh my god this is just begun"  
And it was twelve more hours before I was done  
We were up on the rooftop and I'll tell you the truth  
I was convinced I'd already fallen off of the roof  
And these weird metal things rolling around in outta space  
Were teleporting me from place to place  
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So we ran back downstairs where it was better to be  
But I was trapped in spiral staircase infinity  
And when we got to the door I couldn't go inside  
Cos it was the gates of heaven and I had died  
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And this kid named Graham he punched a cat in the head  
He could read my thoughts, that's what he said  
And he described what it was like but I didn't believe it  
Like lifting a rug and seeing stars beneath it  
Ooo-ooo

And the first rule of tripping was  
Don't be with people you don't trust  
The second rule of LSD  
The rooftop is not a good place to be  
The third rule is to be prepared  
The fourth rule is to not get scared  
The fifth rule is to stay serene  
Turn off your mind and float downstream  
The sixth rule's to have a good friend at hand  
The seventh, I hope that you understand  
Is not to look too deep into your soul  
Or you might find a hideous, hopeless hole  
Of hatred, hunger, infinite, idiot  
Mindless, meaningless, nothingness, nothingness  
Nothingness, nothingness, nothingness, nothingness  
Nothingness, nothingness, nothingness, nothingness  
Nothingness  
And that's what I did

And every aspect of life that I selected  
Was instantly and brutally dissected  
I saw the horrible emptiness within  
The reasons behind everything  
And it was at that moment that I went insane

Cos I figured why bother doing anything again  
I didn't understand my thoughts revealing themselves to be  
The truth behind everything I'd ever wanted and believed  
Revealed itself to be  
Unwinding

I Stood up  
I brushed  
My head  
I turned  
To my right  
All in my eye  
And I said

There are things which we feel to be so terrifically true  
That what were all but madness  
For any good man in his own proper character  
To utter or even hint of them

I've just discovered the meaning of life  
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