

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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