

# Nick Cave, The Curse Of Millhaven

I live in a town called Millhaven  
And it's small and it's mean and it's cold  
But if you come around just as the sun goes down  
You can watch the whole thing turn to gold  
It's around then that I used to go a-roaming  
La la la la La la la lie  
All God's children they all gotta die

My name is Loretta but I prefer Lottie  
I'm closing in on my fifteenth year  
And if you think you've seen a pair of eyes more green  
Then you sure didn't see them around here  
My hair is yellow and I'm always a-combing  
La la la la La la la lie  
Mama often told me we all got to die

You must have heard about The Curse Of Millhaven  
How last Christmas Bill Blake's little boy didn't come home  
They found him the next week in One Mile Creek  
His head bashed in and his pockets full of stones  
Well, just imagine all the wailing and moaning  
La la la la La la la lie  
Even little Bill Blake's boy, he had to die

Then Professor O'Rye from Millhaven High  
Found nailed to his door his prize-winning terrier  
Then next day the old fool brought little Biko to school  
And we all had to watch as he buried her  
His eulogy to Biko had all the tears a-flowing  
La la la la La la la lie  
Even God's little creatures, they have to die

Our little town fell into a state of shock  
A lot of people were saying things that made little sense  
Then the next thing you know the head of Handyman Joe  
Was found in the fountain of the Mayor's residence  
Foul play can really get a small town going  
La la la la La la la lie  
Even God's children all have to die

Then, in a cruel twist of fate, old Mrs Colgate  
Was stabbed but the job was not complete  
Well, the last thing she said before the cops pronounced her dead  
Was, "My killer is Loretta and she lives across the street!"  
Twenty cops burst through my door without even phoning  
La la la la La la la lie  
The young ones, the old ones, they all gotta die

Yes, it is I, Lottie. The Curse Of Millhaven  
I've struck horror in the heart of this town  
Like my eyes ain't green and my hair ain't yellow  
It's more like the other way around  
I gotta pretty little mouth underneath all the foaming  
La la la la La la la lie  
Sooner or later we all gotta die

Since I was no bigger than a weevil they've been saying I was evil  
That if "bad" was a boot that I'd fit it  
That I'm a wicked young lady, but I've been trying hard lately  
O fuck it! I'm a monster! I admit it!  
It makes me so mad my blood really starts a-going  
La la la la La la la lie  
Mama always told me that we all gotta die

Yeah, I drowned the Baley kid, stabbed Mrs. Colgate, I admit  
Did the handyman with his circular saw in his garden shed  
But I never crucified little Biko,  
That was two junior high school psychos  
Stinky Bohoon and his friend with the pumpkin-sized head  
I'll sing to the lot, now you got me going  
La la la la La la la lie  
All God's children have all gotta die

There were all the others, all our sisters and brothers  
You assumed were accidents, best forgotten  
Recall the children who broke through the ice on Lake Tahoe?  
Everyone assumed the "Warning" signs  
Had followed them to the bottom  
Well, they're underneath the house where I do quite a bit of stowing  
La la la la La la la lie  
Even twenty little children, they had to die

And the fire of '91 that razed the Bella Vista slum  
There was the biggest shit-fight this country's ever seen  
Insurance companies ruined, land lords getting sued  
All cause of wee girl with a can of gasoline  
Those flames really roared when the wind started blowing  
La la la la La la la lie  
The Rich man, the poor man, all got to die

Well I confessed to all these crimes and they put me on trial  
I was laughing when they took me away  
Off to the asylum in an old black Mariah  
It ain't home, but you know, it's fucking better than jail  
It ain't such bad old place to have a home in  
La la la la La la la lie  
All God's children they all gotta die

Now I got shrinks that will not rest  
With their endless Rorschach tests  
I keep telling them they're out to get me  
They ask me if I feel remorse and I answer, "Why of course!  
There is so much more I could have done if they'd let me!"  
So it's Rorschach and Prozac and everything is groovy  
La la la la La la la lie  
All God's children they all have to die  
La la la la La la la lie  
I'm happy as a lark now and everything is fine  
Singing La la la la La la la lie  
Yeah, everything is groovy and everything is fine  
La la la la La la la lie  
All God's children they gotta die