

Tear Garden, My Thorny Thorny Crown

A trip to the insanium in chains
They ripped his cranium
Sank wires in his brains
He stayed the same too old to change
He watched the world fall down on tuesdays
He smelled the angel trail
He kissed a snail
He counted to six hundred
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,
21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,
38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46
592,593,594,595,596,597,598,599
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My Thorny Thorny Crown (1)

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They ripped his cranium
Sank wires in his brains (2)
He stayed the same too old to change
He watched the world fall down on tuesdays (3)
He smelled the angel trail (4)
He kissed a snail (5)
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(1) In Christianity, the Crown of Thorns, one of the instruments of the Passion, was the woven chap

Tangentially, a Crown of Thorns is also The Crown-of-Thorns Starfish (*Acanthaster planci*) - a large

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"Stranded Starfish have no place to hide - still waiting for the Swollen Easter Tide"
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Here, in Edward's lyrics, the thorns probably represent each and every tiny annoyance of modern c

(2) Sinking wires into one's brain could be a reference to the Roger Waters penned Pink Floyd son

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"And if I go insane - please don't sink your wires in my brain"
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(3) Interesting that our character only seems to see the world fall apart on Tuesdays...

(4) Another reference to angels - this time our character is following their trail (by smell) "The

(5) Kissing a Snail may be a reference to appreciating the slow track in life - taking things easy and

(6) Counting to six hundred is a humourous exaggeration of patience. In the song "The Guard

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"We'll count to nine, whenever we are angry"
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or also reflected in the lyrics of the group Gong from the song "Thoughts for Naught" or

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"Counting again from One to Nine"