

## **POSSUM**

From the album *The Time Has Come*

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Dear Possum, splattered all over the street  
Your death was quick but not very neat  
Your tail is cold in this piece of tin foil  
I'm using to carry you back to the soil  
Here in the shade of a mulberry bush  
You'll have plenty of daisies to push  
Somewhere a possum family is sad  
Wondering where is their mom, or their dad

### **CHORUS**

'Cause you met your fate with a steel-belted radial  
I'm not sure if you're a man or a lady  
I'll lay you to rest, and say a short prayer:  
Dear Possum, may you blossom as a flower next year

Tonight when the predators come out to prey  
They'll find you here in a state of decay  
And you'll be the source of a great celebration  
As you're reincarnated in a thousand variations  
The squirrels, the birds, the bats, the maggots  
Microorganisms, rats, cats and rabbits  
Will all have a feast, then drop little toasts  
On the earth for dessert as you turn to compost

### **CHORUS**

"I came across a possum all flattened in the road  
I knew it was a possum; it was bigger than a toad  
It made me sad I felt so bad to see him squashed and such  
I wish that possums didn't get hit by cars so gol'durn much  
Were he to lay another day his very bones would rot  
Am I in turn to live my life and thusly be forgot?  
Thinking these, much ill at ease, a possum's life is hard  
So I scraped him off the pavement and I sailed him fifty yard"

I've often wondered how you could sustain

Yourself in a competitive food chain  
You're slow and ungainly and make easy prey  
And you never have anything much to say  
When you're approached you act nervous but curious  
The sharpness of your claws seems absolutely spurious  
Maybe you're here to humor the Gods  
Who blessed your brothers with indigo cods

CHORUS