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*Blue's**

Some Black Brothers in jeans
Rappin logically and shootin pool,
Eye a solid ball drop, safe,
Smooth as the evening buzz
Among Wednesday's patrons at Blue's.

September 19th 'bout 10:30
Night sticks crash down solid.
Once more to make the blood run,
Once more, to make the fear run.
Too quick and vicious for retaliation.

Pool tables tumble helplessly,
Transvestite beat with his own crutch.
Thrown bottles shatter mirrors,
Blood collects on the wall and floor
Like frenzied sharks, police bite everywhere.

"Breaking up a knife fight,
That's why we arrived,"
New York's Finest tell the papers.
"Why were there no arrests,"
Asks those who know the truth.

Hate Hate Hate
They will always love who they want.
Beat Beat Beat
You rearrange faces, not color.
They are who they are.

* Blue's is a Black/Gay bar in New York City. On 9/29/82 forty dressed police entered the bar and locked the door. They outnumbered the patrons. The police physically and verbally assaulted the patrons. When the police finally left, the bar was destroyed and many patrons had to go to hospitals. The story was covered in the Village Voice and a few other papers; the New York Times and other large newspapers made no mention of it.

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