

THE WISDOM OF AGE

I used to think that with age
came wisdom
now I'm not so sure
but here's what I do know

I know how to fix a leaky tap
change a fuse
build a bookcase
replace a light globe
sell you snake oil
break a heart
and load an ipod (well almost)

I know how to lie convincingly
pretend I care
care
find the ICU unit
without directions
and say goodbye

I know now what he meant
when he said that doing the right thing
didn't always make you feel better
I know that the people you love
won't always be around
and that there will always be scars
both physical and mental
but you don't need to hide them

I know that my opinion is just that
and that yours is too
I know what love is
whether it's the exploding heart in mouth

first kiss
or the long slow burn of the day to day
I know she's still here
but I don't know why

I know what it's like to be so frightened
that in that few seconds before the car
lands upright in the paddock
you've pissed yourself without even knowing
I know what it's like to be so glad you're still alive
that you do kiss the ground

I know that tone of voice on the phone
the one that means bad news
I know what it's like to be a pall bearer
the token male representative
to be the last man standing
I know the right words for every sad occasion

I know I can't fight for shit
but I can take a punch
I don't know how to swim
but at least I no longer sink
I know I'm an alcoholic
But I don't know how to stop
I know I've hurt you

I know how to play the opening chords
of smoke on the water
but then, who doesn't?
I know sometimes my best
just isn't good enough
but it's all I have to offer
I know that skin colour does not matter

and your sexual preference is your business
not mine

I know the gap is getting wider
between ignorance and truth
between have and have not
between actually caring and hitting
the 'like' button

I know violence does not solve anything
but some days it seems
like the only option
I know it's not
but do you?

I know im still here
and for all the days
I wish maybe I wasn't
being here
is still the better option
this much I do know