Generation Next/ Something Better
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A Piece Whose Original Intent Was Prose but Overmind Forced into the Bondage of Poetry

We are Generation Next
We have no identity
And don't know what we
Stand for
We were raised by the
Almighty new God
Television
And had instilled
Within us
The ideals of mass media:
Commercialism and
consumerism
We are a generation
Alienated from ourselves
We are allowed to be
Ourselves only if it fits
Into the neatly packaged
box
Sold at the Gap or
Some other mall store
And if we don't
We're likely to walk into
Scholl with Tech-9's and
Pipe bombs and take out
As many people as possible
Emulating our favorite
Movie characters
And further alienating ourselves
We are Generation Next
We have lost all
Hope and direction
And don't see any
Purposefulness in our live
You used to be able to get
A factory job out of school
And make a living
Not so any more
Most of the factories have moved
To Mexico or a Third World country
Where they pay their worker
13 cents a day
And college...
Fuck college if you're poor
And receive a sub-standard education
Due to a declining tax base
So the schools can't buy books
"A Dollar and a Dream"
But our dreams
Are too lithe
And lack true substance
We are Generation Next
And in the concrete jungle
We have reverted to
The "State of Nature"
Where might is right
And Force the law
A perverse fromm of
Social Darwinism where
"Cash rules everything around me"
C.R.E.A.M. get the money
Dollar-dollar bill y'all"
Is the motto
And I'll kill you over a wooden nickel
Is the attitude
How else are we to be?
We all know there is
Something better than this
We just don't know what.

Or computers
Or teachers worth their
weight
In salt
We are Generation Next
We have unwittingly taken
The motto of Nietzsche:
"Be hard" and "Kindness is
Weakness"
We have lost sight of
goodness
And live lives of misery
We have turned to illicit
drugs
And lurid sex to forget
Our pains
Only for it to cause more
pain
Pop culture is more a
reflection
Of this than its
Cause
It was all too willing
To sell us out
For a buck
And all it takes is