

Sowshallism

is a wise ole shephad  
im suvvie tru flood  
tru drout  
tru blizad

somme people seh  
im a two hundred an odd years ole  
addah people seh  
notn noh goh soh  
dat im a jus seventy odd years ole  
some seh im is a ghost  
some seh im is a sage  
but nohbady noh really know  
im riteful age ar whey im come fram

fateful is im flock  
from di ewe to di ram to di lam  
rite tru tick an tin  
dem mostly cling to im  
awftah all  
noh im guide an sheltah an proteck dem ?  
( sometime a dem haffi proteck im dow  
like ow a dem haffi proteck im now )

look ow im stretch out pan im back  
pan di brown grass  
di white hair pan im branze hed  
like a kushan gense di weepin willow tree  
lookin bedraggled an tin  
like seh life done wid im  
like seh im is totally at peace widin

noh baddah goh feel sarry fi im  
ar goh tink poor ting  
nat a ting noh dhu im  
all dat really happn  
is dat due to di heat a di time  
like lickle bwoy blue im drap asleep  
an a dream bout lickle bow peep

an wan an two a im flock dem drif a way  
while di addah ism dem  
jus a watch an a peep  
jus a crawl an a creep  
an noh baddah ask if dem naw mek fun  
fi canfuse an cansume all di stray dem

but evryting is jus fi a time  
soon di flack wi tek a stack an surmise  
ow far fram di fole dem a stray  
wen dem site ow di pack jus a staak dem  
dem wi come back togeddah wance agen  
an shephad di sage to a highah graun  
whichpawt di graas is greenah an sweetah  
whichpawt di breeze blow is like a balm  
whichpawt di stream run quietah an coolah  
whichpawt life can pleasant can be calm