

## **THIS IS LONDON**

This is a London of litter and tears;  
This is the London that everyone fears.  
This is a London that chokes back its grief.  
This is London; the heartbreaking thief.  
This is a London that tries not to cry.  
This is London; a stranger walks by.

This is a London that huddles in the street;  
This is London with bags on its feet.  
This is a London of tags and crews.  
This is a London of fags and booze.  
This is the London that lies just beneath;  
This is London with sharp, gleaming teeth.

This is a London I know you all crave;  
This is a London I'll take to the grave.

**Alexander Hayden James Smith, 2004**