Legacy

I can’t guarantee that I’ll be here in five years
And I’m a man on a mission to share his ideas.
So from time to time, close ones come second
And I have to decline whenever someone beckons
   Me over for a laugh and a drink –
   That’s the nature of my chosen path and I think
It's cos I’m driven by youths in the scariest prisons –
   A selfish kind of utilitarianism.

I believe we’re stronger than we think.
I believe we can last much longer than we think.
And sociologically I’m a guy that hates differentials,
So nothing bothers me more than wasted potential.
I believe ration can be reconciled with passion
And used to inform whatever style’s in fashion.

We tend to get knee-deep in sheer nonsense,
So it’s hard to triumph and keep a clear conscience,
And some of us haven’t always played the right positions,
But you’re here today because you made the right decisions.

Congratulations on your success.
I’m sure it was worth all the stress.
Business often gains notoriety
For having no variety and no desire to be
Mindful of its impact on a whole society.
And you could have stayed the same, but you played the game,
Made respectable objectives and obeyed the aim
Of being fair, through which you made a name.

Business in my community’s business in your community.
Can you honestly say that you’re witnessing all the unity
That there could be? That there should be?

How does one ensure that one’s ability
Is geared towards corporate responsibility?
All of the funds, facilities, everyone’s fragilities,
All of the workers available to you …
How can they improve what you pay them all to do
In such a way that benefits everyone who’s indirectly part of the process?
You render the money and the training all irrelevant
When you don’t factor in sustainable development.
Not just to make your corporation more benevolent –
Capitalism is a major force that’s prevalent
Globally, true, but locally too.
And driving that force is supposed to be you.
Therefore money can never take the precedence that lives do …
So what drives you?

The aesthetics of human potential?
The feeling you get from perceiving a talent?
Or the accolade of business credentials?
The rewards you receive from achieving a balance?
I haven’t said a word you haven’t already heard,
But frankly, anyone can learn the lines.
Consider me a polite reminder not to simply
Learn, but to internalise.

You handle yours and I’ll mind my own,
That’s as fair as this system could ever be.
If we’re mindful of the people that we never see
That’s the difference between business and legacy.