



## REFLECTIONS OF A STREET S WEEPER

By Mariano Blatt

Times I look back and think –  
what have I done?  
a whole life thrown into the dustbin...  
Never a romantic kiss on the 9 de Julio  
a knowing glance at the Cathedral door  
a little weekend fling in Mar del Plata.  
And I'm not saying this just to add sadness to the world  
oh no  
which has enough of it already.  
I'm saying this as an advice  
in case somebody hears me  
some day and finds some use  
in this simple advice  
from this simple mortal.  
What matters is not always what matters.  
Working is all right,  
being honest people is all right,  
lending a hand, doing one's part,  
being supportive...  
All that I have done with pleasure  
and have not one regret.  
I was what I was asked to be  
and I complied  
with pleasure  
I complied.  
It's just that...  
times I look back and think –  
but  
another butt on the sidewalk  
which only a moment ago  
I had swept so nice and clean.

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