Two Little Hitlers

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Why are we racing to be so old?
I'm up late pacing the floor I won't be told
You have your reservations I'm bought and sold
I'll face the music I'll face the facts
Even when we walk in polka dots and chequer slacks
Bowing and squawking Running after titbits
Bobbing and squinting Just like a nitwit
CHORUS:
Two little Hitlers will fight it out until
One little Hitler does the other one's will
I will
                     I will
          return
                               not burn
Down in the basement
I need my head examined I need my eyes excited
I'd like to join the party But I was not invited
You make a member of me I'll be delighted
I wouldn't cry for lost souls, you might drown
Dirty words for dirty minds Written in a toilet town
Dial me a Valentine She's a smooth operator
It's all so calculated She's got a calculator
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CHORUS:
A simple game of self-respect
You flick a switch and the world goes off
Nobody jumps as you expect
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I would have thought you would have had enough by now
You call selective dating For some effective mating
I thought I'd let you down, dear But you were just deflating
I knew right from the start We'd end up hating
Pictures of the merchandise Plastered on the wall
We can look so long as we don't have to talk at all
You say you'll never know him He's an unnatural man
He doesn't want your pleasure He wants as no one can
He wants to know the names of All those he's better than
CHORUS:
I will return
I will not burn . . .
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She's my soft touch typewriter And I'm the great dictator