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now I am twelve - well almost

and I long for something more

with power drrrrripping off it

but that would be too easy to look after too

all year long I have been dropping hints

drawing broad arrows on the walls  
peering through the banister bars  
and showing great interest  
in crime on tee-vee

i will not be so disappointed  
if i do not get a gaol  
with lots of inmates to shuffle around  
so good i'd be running the place  
i'd make the wicked repent  
by feeding them nutritiously  
and having them bathe in scent

they would not cost so much to keep  
they eat up every scrap you throw  
and they easily support themselves  
by doing little jobs you know  
they could make roads and leather bags  
launder sheets and sew aussie flags

we'd be such a happy crew  
there'd be parties every night  
in their roomy airy cells  
painted in colours bright

but every time i mention it  
how daddy's eyes do frown  
it seems he knows a very nice man

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who wants to share his goals  
but some silly old people complain  
'responsible for all'  
they say he must remain  
now isn't that too greedy for words

i bet they wouldn't do it  
if they only knew  
their stuffy ancient attitudes  
really are so cruel  
oh they break my little heart  
they don't know how it feels  
when you are but a poor poor child  
and want something ... so bad