

REMEMBER YOUR PRINCIPLES

When 8-ball pissed or
shit his pants
he got a belting not
because he had pissed
or shit his pants
but because it was
the principle of the thing

when he smoked or
got drunk at school
he got the cuts not
because he had smoked
or got drunk at school
but because it was
the principle of the thing

when he was convicted of murder
he was sent to prison for life not
because he had killed anyone
but because it was
the principle of the thing

when he was caught fucking
the arse off johnny
he got an extra three months not
because he was fucking
the arse off johnny
but because it was
the principle of the thing

so understand now, friend,
when 8-ball smashes Barton, the screw,
with a crow-bar from the spray-shop,
riots with a hundred others,
and burns each bloody cell-block to the ground,
it won't be that he dislikes Ronnie Barton,
or likes to see a building full of flame,
but just because,
and this applies to man and walls alike
he hates with all his heart
the principle of the thing

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