

Pompeii, Pompeii

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*We were safe in our beds
Now we're over our heads
In a hot gushing flow from Vesuvius
We are drowning in molten effluvias
And our future looks more and more dubious
Insalubrious
That is why we invite you today
For hot real estate deals in Pompeii—*

Pompeii, Pompeii
It's a hell of a town
Visit today
Hot properties abound
 Every house has central heating
 There's a fire sale everywhere
 Hot cakes, hot sex, hot seating
 You can toast a marshmallow anywhere.

Pompeii, Pompeii
There's no such place as home
Vesuvius popped today
Now all roads lead to Rome
 Each villa once had a mountain view
 But the last time anyone looked
 Pompeians did as they had to do
 And got the hell out before their goose was cooked.

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Persona non grata
Vacation getaway
Now an igneous frittata
 We're all ash and pumice now
 The countryside's ignited
 Lux in tenebris from us now
 'Cause our lava lamps all are lighted—
 Yes, our lava lamps all are lighted.