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SONGBOOK



THE LYRICS OF
THE Durbervilles



Randell Avenue

Mrs Robey hangs out sheets on Randell Avenue
Local Bobby rests his feet on Randell Avenue
Round the corner
Mrs Warner's Daughter, Mary
Plays a game of hide and seek

Early morning smell of bread on Randell Avenue
Curtains drawn and we're out of bed on Randell Avenue
Mothers organise their husbands
Making sure they start their daily grind
On time

And no one ever seemed to see the sun on Randell Avenue

Another morning cloaked in black on Randell Avenue
Coughing vicar cycles back to Randell Avenue
And Mrs Warner's daughter
Barely hides the tears
And takes a shallow breath
There's nothing left

Cos no one ever seemed to see the sun on Randell Avenue

An Unguarded Moment (The Dog Song)

Woken up late last friday night
Round about quarter past three
Heard a smash of glass and a creaking door
And suddenly they're looking at me

And I don't have to run run run
There's my duty to be done
Got to stand and take them on
And I don't have to run

Stood my ground gritted my teeth
Caught them all straight in the eye
Howled out loud at the top of my voice
Boy you should have seen them fly

Cos i don't have to run run run
With this chain I've got on
Cos it's not very long
So I cant even run run run

And I don't have to run run run
There's my duty to be done
Got to stand and take them on
And I don't have to run

300 Letters

Left your arms and left our nation
Fate had dealt me a cruel hand to keep us apart
Before we could start
I was called to do the service that was due

Waged a war that wouldn't kill me
A thousand eyes that didn't see while I crossed land
A slave to command
At the furthest from the memory of your smile
Scented words removed the sting of distant miles
And I fought so I could soon be home with you

What you wrote it kept me going
And I'd always try to send you a reply
keeps me alive
And I prayed that I would soon be home with you

How I longed to feel your whisper
In between the shots its hard to hear a sound
What you wrote down
Is still with me as I'm standing at your door
And returning to the life we had before
And I knew that I would soon be home with you

With one kiss you where a stranger
All your words that I held close from day to day
Just faded away
And my paper soul was scattered like the leaves
As the warmth of you just started to retreat
And I knew that I would soon be home

I Don't Know Where And I Don't Know Why
And I Don't Know How.

How can you be different to me?
When the small screen seller is selling us all that we need
For a life of comfort and everything's credit free?

I unsubscribed turn to the light
Then they tell me from the pulpit that everything's gonna be fine
Just as long as I'm keeping my head down and towing the line

But I've a trail to blaze, and a seed to sow
Tho' I dont know where and I dont know why and I dont know how
I've got a skin to shed, and a way to go
But I dont know where and I dont know why and I dont know how

Tried a new faith changing my shape
They say you are what you eat and they know whats good for you
With a nip and a tuck, they can make everybody brand new

I've got a skin to shed, and a way to go
But I dont know where and I dont know why and I dont know how
But I've a trail to blaze, and a seed to sow
Tho' I dont know where and I dont know why and I dont know how

Fools gold can shine, shines to the blind
Everyone's got a choice and taking it's up to you
Wear a baseball cap, if that want you've gotta do

I've got to stake a claim, I've gotta get it now
Tho' I dont know where and I dont know why and I dont know how
I've got a mark to leave, before I take my bow
But I dont know where and I dont know why and I dont know how

The Rain Upon The Road

And all the things we never said
They come screaming back through my head
With a sting of shattered glass
I remember how i saw you last
When you turned and walked away
You are locked in black and white replay
Of a never ending show
All reflected in the rain upon the road

You where joking I suppose
When you told me where I had to go
And perhaps I should have laughed
But I took it straight and I snapped back
And as I stepped towards defeat
I was concentrating on the words
You where mouthing in the heat
Of the moment in the the rain upon the road

A distant voice calls out my name
But its crowded out by the falling rain
Unknown faces turn and stare
Disbelieving all thats happening here
A sudden shock, a catch of breath
As I realise there's nothing left
As my world starts to implode
And mixes with the rain upon the road

No Not Tonight (Josephine i love you)

Came home after midnight
I opened up the door
Quietly left my muddy boots
On the hallway floor

Just as I was creeping
Halfway up the stairs
The bedroom door flew open
And she was standing there

No not tonight no way

Where've you been to 'till this time
Let me guess out with the lads
Picking on some country
That they wouldnt let you have

But darling the fighting's over
The boys are rolling home
There's many hours 'till morning
That we needn't spend alone

No not tonight no way

Josephine I love you
Josephine I need you

Its No Good Around Here

Often now I need the help
Of another friendly glass
But it gets harder to escape
Silence all the voices from your past

In my haze I think I hear
A baby cry then fade away
Makes me start and suddenly
Opens up all she said that day

It's no good around here
It's no good around here
We're all living in fear
It's no good around, good around here

Light of dawn I realise
It didnt play the way we planned
My pounding head, a siren screams
Her words, like blood, are clinging to my hands

It's no good around here
It's no good around here
We're all living in fear
It's no good around, good around here

(Now I'm living in fear)

Memories Of Millionaires...

She would remember the way that they where
And laughed as her memory danced
All the bright faces and voices of friends
Would always come flooding back
When they talked of the way they had it all planned
And they drank to the future they craved
And they shouted and carried their banners high
in those times of change....

She remembered their eyes
She remembered their smiles
Oh how we waved
When they said goodbye
And she watched till the dust settled down on the track
Heres a toast to them all
They never came back

She still remembers those lone empty days
When the roof leaked from want of repair
And the money was waited on month after month
But the promises never appeared
Though the debts carried on
And she had to stay strong
She would cry for the grace she betrayed
And her urchin like children still watched down the path
For their fathers the millionaires....

One By One

Have I given up ?
Is that what you want ?
You think that I'm a fool

Love has left a stain
Tried to drown the pain
In another glass
As the hours pass

With my heart like a target
Though I try to hide it
It's tattooed on
Now only the name is wrong.....

Im counting in one by one.....

Tried to understand
But my open hand
Always disagrees

If I see his face
Hanging round the place
He'll have to deal with me

No I don't mean to hurt you
But it hurts not to want you
And needing you
Is all that i can do.....