

The Queen Is Dead (Live In London, 1986)

The Smiths

Oh! Take me back to dear old Blighty,
Put me on the train for London Town,
Take me anywhere,
Drop me anywhere,
Liverpool, Leeds or Birmingham
But I don't care,
I should like to see myI don't bless them
Farewell to this land's cheerless marshes
Hemmed in like a boar between arches
Her very Lowness with a head in a sling
I'm truly sorry, but it sounds like a wonderful thingI said Charles, don't you ever crave
To appear on the front of the Daily Mail
Dressed in your Mother's bridal veil?
Oh
And so, I checked all the registered historical facts
And I was shocked into shame to discover
How I'm the 18th pale descendant
Of some old queen or otherOh, has the world changed, or have I changed?
Oh has the world changed, or have I changed?Some nine-year old tough who peddles drugs
I swear to God
I swear, I never even knew what drugs were
Oh
So, I broke into the palace
With a sponge and a rusty spanner
She said, "Eh, I know you, and you cannot sing"
I said, "That's nothing, you should hear me play piano"We can go for a walk where it's quiet and dry
And talk about precious things
But when you're tied to your Mother's apron
No-one talks about castration
OhWe can go for a walk where it's quiet and dry
And talk about precious things
Like love and law and poverty
Oh, these are the things that kill meWe can go for a walk where it's quiet and dry
And talk about precious things
But the rain that flattens my hair
Oh, these are the things that kill meAll their lies about make-up and long hair, are still therePast the pub who
saps your body
And the church who'll snatch your money
The Queen is dead, boys

And it's so lonely on a limb
Past the pub that wrecks your body
And the church, all they want is your money
The Queen is dead, boys
And it's so lonely on a limb
Life is very long, when you're lonely
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