

Fifteen Years

Levellers

I never was a violent man
Said the man in the bar with his head in his hands
He's trying his best to understand the 'cause of his dismay
But the years of gin have broken him
They've left him cold where he's fitted in
But it's too late now to turn around and find another way
And the lights in the late night lock-in
Have faded away when he gets in
The girl from fifteen years ago
Has packed and gone away
That's never how it used to be, what happened to all that energy
You took one too many liberties, I'm tired of being afraid
So after the fight she took flight hiding swollen eyes and a wounded pride
The best years of her life denied is sold for liquid shares
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And the victims of their world
Are advertised on posters
Just a beach and a pretty girl
You just take this potion
It's another week till his check comes through
He's got a fiver left to spend on food
The doors of the bar are open and he breaks another rule
But he sits on the stool that bears his name
He's got a favorite glass an' is called the same
He's never been kept waiting, 'cause he pays the landlord's wage
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