Life In A Tenement Square

Flogging Molly

Well, I kissed the day, I was on my way
From those cold gray blocks of stone
For seventeen years of squalor filled tears
A time now with innocence lostAs the sun split the room
With its rays filled with gloom
Turnin' all hope to despair

And the only thing left was to flee from the nest

That was life in a Tenement SquareI remember the song where the rats sang along And danced for their daily bread

While the damp washed the walls that were twenty feet tall

Not a child in the house was fedOn the porter filled face, of the men left a trace

Of the coin they had already spent

While our mothers asked God, "What was Hell ever for When you lived in a Tenement Square?"Grab what's left of the coal from the ol' cubbyhole These cinders need more to be a fire

While the ghosts of the soldiers that lived there before us Laugh with their guns by their side

I hear them laugh with their guns by their sideNow politicians they dwell in that forgotten hell Our misery's been turned into mews

Where the fat of the land, now hog, hand-in-hand
A crime now of life was ever trueAs the sun split the room with its rays filled with gloom
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