## **Mountain Men**

## **Crash Kings**

The poacher and his daughter

Throw soft shadows on the water in the night

A thin moon slips behind them

As they pull the net with no betraying lightAnd later on the coast road, I meet them

And the old man winks a smile

And who am I to fast deny the right

To take a fish once in a while? I walk with them, they wish me luck

When I ship out on the Sunday from the Kyle

And from the church I hear them singing

As the ship moves sadly from the pier

Oh, poachers daughter, Sunday best

Two hundred brave souls share the farewell tearWell, there's a house on the hillside

Where the drifting sands are born

Lay down and let the slow tide wash me

Back to the lands where I came from

Where the mountain men are kings

And the sound of the piper counts for everything I did my tour, did my duty

I did all they asked of me

Died in the trenches and at El Alamein

Died in the Falklands on TV

Going back to the mountain kings

Where the sound of the piper counts for everythingLong generations from the Isles

Sent to tread the foreign miles

Where the spiral ages meet

Felt naked dust beneath their feetFuture sun called winds to blow

And the past and present hard-eyed crow

Flew hunting high and circling low

Over blackened plains of EdenThere's a child and a woman praying

For an end to the mystery

Hoping for a word in a letter

Fair wind-blown from across the sea

To where the mountain men are kings

And the sound of the piper counts for everything There's a house on the hillside

Where the drifting sands are born

Lay down and let the slow tide wash me

Back to the lands where I came from Where the mountain men are kings

And the sound of the piper counts for everything

Where the real mountain men are kings

And the sound of that piper counts for everything Feel the naked dust beneath my toes

While the future sun calls winds to blow
And the past and present black-eyed crow
Flies hunting high and circling low
Between dream mountains of our Eden

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