

When We Were Kings

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Tommy got off at the Texaco
Came busting in to Norma's Cafe
Yeah, you know how those party girls hate to wait?
Filled up his daddy's trunk with ice and beer
Yeah he was always stealing the old man's car
Radio never came in too clear
So I'd hang out one on my piece of junk guitar
Yeah, we ruled from the blacktop
To the levee where the party never stopped
Yeah, there was power in the night
The spirit was alive when we would sing
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When we were kings, when we were kings
Sitting around the fire one night Tommy called my name
I turned around, he said, "Hey, what do ya think?"
Had his arm around the prettiest girl I'd ever seen
He kissed her hard and took another drink
I say, "You must be an angel putting up with this guy?"
She laughed and said, "Play me some Rolling Stones?"
I couldn't let that chance go by
Yeah, I sang her, "You can't always get what you want?"
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Yeah, that was the fall of '69
I guess Uncle Sam was hedging his bet
Tommy's number came up he said, "Hey, I'll be fine"
I'll teach 'em a lesson they'll never forget?
Angel and I went to wave goodbye
I guess we'd always thought we'd see him again
You know I took her out a couple of times
We always just wound up talking 'bout him
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