Letter To Britannia From The Union Jack

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Poor Britannia - drowning in your waves
With the Body of the unknown soldier and the best of the brave

I have known you ever since I was a child

How come you don't salute me - now - when I smile You was always so young and on all o' that money How come new mourners pass you by and think it's so funny

I'd be there with you but I'm chained unto this stake

For I am loyalty but my mast I cannot forsakeI looked down on a bunch of amusements, I looked down walls

I've looked on hangings 'n parades 'n city halls

And I've seen love in so many living rooms

And Γ ve seen rich men slowly die inside their tombsI know we're just two charms but it's heavy on my mind Have faith in me I said, now, look at time

I know you're just a victim of your history but

Have faith in me, I said and you would be free....You pull me up and you pull me down

And when the Queen's in residence I hang around

I don't wave madly 'cos the climate's civilised

Just flutter sadly `cos I`m old `n I`m wiseAnd you-you been up, and you - you been down

You been through many things I know you been around

I have fought armies for you in the conflicts of the past

Britannia, I implore you, do not lower me by half.

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