

Intact & Smiling

John Howard & The Night Mail

I ran around in circles
Like a hamster on a wheel
enchanted by your magic
the ground beneath your heel

But somewhere deep inside me
I knew you'd never steal
the knowledge I'd survive you
and the thing you put me through

The don'ts, the won't, the no-gos
when you tell me what to do
You mould me in your image
but you haven't got a clue

But you cannot stop me dreaming
of fresh fields and pastures new

And now I'm stepping out of your picture
into the fresh air that I've saved
walking tall
intact and smiling
an independent soul
nobody's slave

You're caught up in your imaginations
like a cog inside a wheel
tangled up in bitterness
A spider's web of steel
The only time you're smiling
is when you try to make me kneel
Your dominating tendency
is losing its appeal

So I'm leaving you in the shadow
with all the love that I've saved
walking tall
intact and smiling
an independent soul

nobody's slave

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