

# Spirit of '76

## The Alarm

Well I find myself in reverie  
'Bout what we might have had  
And what might have been  
We had something going once  
That was such a long, long time ago  
It was way back in '76  
Our friendship formed of pure innocence  
We first met in Mathew Street  
Where we heard something that would set us free  
A sign stands over a door, it says  
"Four lads who shook the world"  
In the depths of those heady nights  
We would dream of those bright lights  
Oh my friend, Oh my friend, Oh my friend And my friend John, he went away  
He made some mistakes  
Spent time in Walton jail  
And now when I see him we still talk  
But there's no light shining in his eyes  
And Susie, she was seventeen  
And more beauty in this world  
I swear you'll never see  
I was gonna be king  
And she was gonna be queen  
But now all she does is hide behind the tears  
If there was more sense in this world  
And work wasn't so hard to find  
You would not be going your way  
I would not be going mine  
Oh my friend, Oh my friend, Oh my friend Somewhere tonight out on the street  
Somewhere beneath this city's heat  
In the eyes of strangers who pass me by  
Life is cruel and so unkind  
Oh, Oh the SPIRIT OF '76 And Pete has seen his dreams come true  
But that don't make him no hero  
He's just one of the lucky few  
If a man can't change the world these days  
I still believe a man can change his own destiny  
But the price is high that has got to be paid  
For everyone who survives there are many who fail

I've seen my friends caught out in that crossfire  
All their dreams and hopes smashed on the funeral pyre  
I will never give in until the day I die  
Get myself some independence  
Carve out a future with my two bare hands  
Oh my friend, Oh my friend, Oh my friend  
Somewhere tonight out on the street  
Somewhere beneath this city's heat  
In the eyes of strangers who pass me by  
Life is cruel and so unkind  
Oh, Oh the SPIRIT OF '76  
Mersey lights shine in the distance  
Same as they did for us then  
Mersey lights shine bright in the distance  
Where are you now my friend? You see some nights when I can't sleep  
I still think of you And all the promises, all our dreams we shared  
I know those lights still call to you  
I can hear them now  
I can hear them now (Still shining for us)  
(Let em shine) (Can you hear them)  
(Can you hear them) (Lights are still shining) Somewhere tonight out on the street  
Somewhere beneath this city's heat  
In the eyes of strangers who pass me by  
Life is cruel and so unkind  
Oh- Oh  
Where's it gone  
The SPIRIT OF '76

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