

Somebody Said

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Somebody said, "Where's the music goin'?"
Somebody said, "It's gone"
Somebody said, "With this bad wind a blowin'
Will the music keep a rolling on?" I had to ask myself why it is makin' me
A minstrel man from cradle to grave?
Should there be somewhere else it could be takin' me
As it rolls on over like a wave? Somebody said, "We got to find the words
There got to be an answer there"
Somebody said that you never get heard
'Cause nobody really cares" You know that you can dance when the waves begin
Stop thinkin' as you're sinkin' below
Or do you take this chance to sail on the wind
When so many in the water choose to row Some may curse the crippled
Some try to hide the hurt
Some may hate the hungry
But who's dyin' down there in the dirt Somebody said, "Has the man enlightened us?"
Somebody said, "Who knows"
And the little boys said, "Well, I may be frightened
But the emperor has got no clothes" Passion dies but the beat goes on
The conductor got us singin' his song
He's been feedin' these lies that we've been feasting upon
But we've been at the banquet too long Somebody said, "Where are the dreamers?"
Somebody said, "Dead"
Somebody said, "Here comes the holy rollers
Tryin' to sell us all the screamers instead" Since we were once deceived when we received the call
Now the cynics are the prophets of the day
And now the weak ones greater as the strong ones fall
And the rest of us have nothing to say Some suffer in silent sadness
Some come to worship pain
Some just welcome madness
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