Roots to Branches

Jethro Tull

Words get written, words get twisted
Old meanings move in the drift of time
Lift the flickering torches, see gentle shadows change
The features of the faces cut in unmoving stoneBad mouth on a prayer day

Hope no one's listening

Roots down in the wet clay

Branches glisteningTrue disciples carrying that message

To color just a little with their personal touch

Home-spun fancy weavers and naked half believers

Crusades and creeds descend like fiery flakes of snowBad mouth on a prayer day

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Roots to branchesIn wet and windy priest holes, grand in vast cathedrals

High on lofty minarets or in a temples of doom

I hope the old man's got his face on

He'd better be some quick change artist

Suffer little children to make their minds up soonBad mouth on a prayer day

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