

# The Ribs of a Broken Umbrella

## Bell X1

She was only just a girl in a picture  
But he thought if I could only make her smile  
Then she'd be mine  
He'd folded it, re-folded it so many times  
He'd already lost some of her to the creases  
Precious pieces He wondered how close he'd ever been to her  
In this ebb and flow of the distance between us  
Maybe she got the same bus  
And he left a trail of string wherever he went  
When he was sleepin' he tied it to his toe  
If she crossed it then he'd know But he knew that all was unravelin'  
And he was bare, stripped of his skin  
Like the ribs of a broken umbrella  
Stickin' out of a bin He's pull his collar up against the wind  
Against those who said that tryin'  
Was the first step to failin', oh, he was railin'  
And filled with new found purpose and pride  
He'd make somethin' of this heady glow  
Now where would she go? But what do I know 'cause all is unravelin'  
And he was bare, stripped off his skin  
Like the ribs of a broken umbrella  
Stickin' out of a bin But he knew how to fix it, dear Liza, dear Liza  
With time's great elixir, dear Liza, dear Liza She was only just a girl in a picture  
But he thought if I could only make her smile  
Then she'd be mine  
Oh, the thought of being faced with her  
Gave him the fear and sometimes in the mornin' a tent  
Oh Lord, give him strength 'Cause he knew that all was unravelin'  
And he was bare, he was stripped of his skin  
Yeah, he knew that all was unravelin'  
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