

Oliver's Army

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Don't start me talking
I could talk all night
my mind goes sleepwalking
while I'm putting the world to right
called careers information
have you got yourself an occupation

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and I would rather be anywhere else
but here today

There was a checkpoint charlie
he didn't crack a smile
but it's no laughing party
when you've been on the murder mile
only takes one itchy trigger
one more widow, one less white nigger

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Hong kong is up for grabs
london is full of arabas
we could be in palestine
overrun by a chinese line
with the boys from the mersey and the thames and the tyne
but there's no danger
it's a professional career
though it could be arranged
with just a word in mr. Churchill's ear
if you're out of luck you're out of work
we could send you to johannesburg

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