

Listen To The People

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They say Victoria loved our Highlands
Well, that's because she owned them all
A feather pen and an iron fist
Put a people's back against the wall
The silent sheilings tell their tale
Of burning thatch and of ruined door
Of families driven from their homes
And a way of life that is no more, no more

They took it from the people
They took it from the people

Now kings and queens might be getting scarce
But watch that politician man
He'll smash your union, freeze your wages
And fill his pockets while he can
He'll close the mines and sell the railways
Ships and steel are gone the same
But if you've bought the lies he's selling
Then you'll know just who are the ones he'll blame

He'll blame it on the people
He'll blame it on the people

Now we've opted out of social justice
Privatized our conscience pains
Society does not exist, nor Scotland either,
That is plain
They're going to sell us back our water
That falls from Heaven to God's green earth
Is this the land of Bruce and Wallace
Is this the land of freedom and my birth?

Sell it to the people
Sell it to the people

Now this should be a rich wee country
We've gas and wood and coal and oil
Whiskey, the pipes and willing workers
All prepared to strive and toil
Let's give the country something special
Liberty in mair than name
Get off your knees, and cast your votes
And let the nation's voice be heard again

Make them listen to the people
Make them listen to the people
Will they listen to the people?