

Mill Boys

Barclay James Harvest

Sky was black, Lord, rain came pouring down
Number 12 bus shuffling down Shaw Road way
Mules keep spinning, black-faced lifers peck the ground
Sun comes up like lightning over Tandle Hills grey

We are mill boys, stuck on the hill boys
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Cotton mill will get you, boy, she'll take you to your grave
Tell you boy to use your head, apprentice out your days
You'll end up a nothing, buy, with cotton as your trade
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It's easy to see a poor boy's blues
When he's working every day
It's harder to be there in his shoes
He was born to be that way