

## The Past Sure Is Tense

Captain Beefheart & The Magic Band

The past sure is tense  
They're heading up for the main event  
All those people seem to be hell-bent  
See those people up on top of the fence  
And the man down there  
Selling knotholes through the fence  
The little shoe generation man  
I found your print on a dollar bill  
I found your print on an Indian mound  
I found your print on the statue at the sound  
I found your print on the elephant ground  
I found your print in the beautiful mountains  
The grass no longer grew around  
I found your print in my mind

The past sure is tense  
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No you got the wrong idea  
No you got the wrong intent  
The carpenter carpenterized my vent  
The only peephole  
Where is my dent  
The past sure is tense  
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The past sure is now  
I don't see how  
See those people that used to  
Throw those tents  
You can't see them now  
They're in past tense  
The past sure is tense