You Can't Live In The Past

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Sally Army on the corner
Hope n Anchor, closing time
I watched you stagger I watched you reelin'
I watched you slowly leaving this world behind

Hark the herald angels singin'
On the street there's little hope
People all scared to see the postman
On the doorstep with that little yellow envelope

I can't help you with anything if you can't help yourself
I can't pull you out of this if you wanna be somewhere else

You can never go back, you can never go back
Yesterday's gone, you've gotta move on
You can't live in the past

When you're lost in the rain
Try not to go there again
And Vera sings that same old song
On and on and on and on and on

Kiss the toothbrush, kiss the razor
Light the gas and leave it on
Fall asleep upon the sofa
Quietly die inside his ragged uniform

I can't give you anything if you can't give yourself
I can't get you out of this if you wanna be somewhere else

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And all things bright and beautiful
This house was always full of people
Holdin' hands and making plans, wedding bells were gonna chime
But I don't think I'll ever really understand man's inhumanity to man

Sally army on the corner
Hearse and mourners all in line
Empty glasses, empty ashtrays
Pull the blinds down gov'ner 'cos it's closing time

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