

Shutting Down Our Town

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This used to be a place where a man could find some work
Put together Holdens or a foundry job at worst
I can hear the noises coming from the Karawara deep into the night
The roads were filled with kids playing after dark
Sent to get their fathers who were sitting at the bar
Eat, sleep, work, drink, that's all they ever did

Oh, they're shutting down our town
They're cutting down our town
No more production line blue collar can be found
They'll tear it to the ground
They're shutting down our town
Oh, they're shutting down our town

I started raising hell before I came of age
Running from my past with clenched fists of rage
And I fought my way through every other day, never looking back
And everything I knew was back there on those streets
Every lesson learned kept me on my feet
But I can't help thinking of the ones I left behind

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Oh they're shutting down our town
They're tearing out its heart
It wasn't much to look at from the very start
Herded all together
From many different lands
The old folks sit around
While they're shutting down our town

Yeah, they're shutting down our town
They're shutting down our town

And I finally came back home, found some peace at last
Was time to stop running from the demons of my past
Some that I remember but the rest are changing way too fast

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Oh, they're shutting down our town

They're shutting down our town
You know they'll tear it to the ground
Yeah they're shutting down our town
They'll tear it to the ground
They're shutting down our town
Yeah they're shutting down our town