

## Kindness Of The World

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I'd like to see your badge  
Who are you to be so brave?  
With one arm free to catch yourself  
And you're using it to wave;  
Who are you to be so strong  
That you can leave it all behind?  
Laughing in your sleep  
And trusting in the kindness of the world

Smokestack clears his chest  
And he coughs into his sleeve  
Saying I'll out-live the best of you  
And with your widow dance and grieve;  
We'll keep your name alive  
Oh, and I'll keep your darlin' warm  
Believing all we read  
And trusting in the kindness of the world

I saw Davy twist and shout  
I saw Davy draw a crowd  
I saw Davy raise his head  
And I heard him cry out loud:  
I saw Davy climb a tree  
To be nearer to his Lord  
Now we're sending up his meals  
The only kindness we afford

Come every New Year's eve  
I'm always sitting here  
While Baby shines her shoes  
And she spits into my beer;  
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For minutes at a time  
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