Samaritans

Labi Siffre

Old man I'm sorry, there's nothing I can do Well I got to walk on past you
Your shoes are broken
And your coat is made of holes
And the police soon will move you

Well I'd like to help you
But I don't know what to do
Truth is I'm late for the job
And the mortgage you have escaped
Here we come, here we come

Here we come
Marching from the eight fifteen
You get our glances, some sympathy
Yeah we're the good guys but understand
Bottom line? We don't give a damn
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Marching from the eight fifteen
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Jesus meant well but he didn't understand
We're commuters not Samaritans
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One time I dropped some silver
To your hungry hand
I put it there to comfort me
We work hard for our pay
My friend says, "Why can't they?
This is the land of opportunity"

Now the snow is falling
I hope you'll be OK
No ignoring, I don't have what it takes
To survive your day... no way
Here we come

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I hear you cursing
I hear you call a name
Then through the crowd I see you falling
We are the Israelites, you are Moses I see
The parting of the waves
As we step around you carefully
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Old man where are you?
Winter's like a fist and your house
The bench, is empty
I search the doorways
Does the subway shelter you?
Is this the ending of your story

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