## **Rooftops**

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That toy that you got
From an old cereal box
Takes pride of place of my window ledge
Them pop cap guns
And your father's Bensons
Gonna make a man out of you some day

And ain't it funny how it's all worked out
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And I'm singing these same old songs
In empty bars and cheap restaurants
But it feels like a matter of days
Since knock and run and all the games we played
Sitting on the rooftops after dark
Drinking in the sky and eating the stars

And then running home for tea
Of mash and gravy
The Shipping Forecast is on the radio
Mum's in a stress
Says she only does her best
But we don't appreciate where the money goes

Would you even recognise me now
I've lost love and I've fallen down
Felt the weight of the world on my shoulder
My young face got a little bit older
Had my heart been torn in two
Surely hope it doesn't happen to you
Since sitting on the rooftops after dark
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I won't tie my laces,
I won't brush my hair
I won't wear nice dresses on a Sunday
I Say three Hail Mary's and I make my peace
With Friday night DJs down back alleys

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