

# Heart Full of Holes

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You can tell me your troubles  
I'll listen for free  
My regulars trust me, it seems  
You can come and see Uncle  
To get through the week  
Leave your pledges with me to redeem  
Some folk sell their bodies  
For ten bob a go  
Politicians go pawning their souls  
Which doesn't make me  
Look too bad, don't you know  
Me, with my heart full of holes  
All my yesterdays broken  
A watch with no face  
All battered and old  
Bits of the movement  
All over the place  
And a heart full of holes  
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Brass knuckles and banjos  
Are out on the town  
At the knees-up  
In Teddy Boys' Row  
The gold block and tackle  
Tells the time upside down  
Rock n' roll - well, I don't know  
Dead people's wedding gifts  
Walk out the door  
A clarinet squeals to be free  
Accordions hop  
From the shelves to the floor -  
Start playing their polkas to me

There's a ringing of bells  
A dunderhead's curse  
Fingers are pointing at you  
And you take work in hell  
And be glad it's not worse  
And you get to the back of the queue  
Handcuffs and hunting knives  
Clang on the bars  
Air pistols shoot out the lights  
I've a whole Wailing Wall  
Of electric guitars  
Could shatter the windows  
Down Brick Lane tonight

If one of us dies, love  
I think I'll retire  
See my boys and my beautiful girls  
A Garden of Eden  
No gates or barbed wire  
Who knows, maybe gates made of pearls  
Well, if we go to heaven  
And some say we don't

But if there's a reckoning day  
Please God, I'll see you  
And maybe I won't  
I've a bag packed to go either way

Redeeming your pledge, dear  
I'll keep it for you  
It's not going to go anywhere  
But your soul, your soul  
That is not what I do  
There's not a lot I can do there  
I remember the officer's watch  
In my hand:  
'Repair it or die' I was told  
It's a wonder to me -  
I still don't understand  
Why I ever survived to be old  
With a heart full of holes  
A heart full of holes  
A heart full of holes