I was in a sleeping dream
When a policeman brought my mother home
By the window I didn't scream
I was too old for that

I was in a drunken dream
The pubs were closed
It was three o'clock
At the bottom of the street it seemed
There was a policeman lost in the fog

I understand but I don't see it I understand but I don't see it I understand but I don't read it Futures and Pasts

You can cry for your lost childhood Will you cry for our lost childhoods? But remember how you hated it And worse cause you couldn't state it?

And it's time for the note, see it And it's time for the note, say it And it's time for the note, read it Futures and Pasts

Look at the woman of thirty-nine Look at the man of forty-nine You can read their lousy lives You can see their ugly face lines

They understand but they don't see it They understand but they don't see it I understand but I don't read it Futures and Pasts

I understand but I don't see it I understand but I don't see it I understand but I don't read it Futures and Pasts