

Kept Mum

The Mighty Mighty Bosstones

If you grew up on this side, or in this section or this part
You learned to keep your mouth shut or did if you were smart
And what you might be looking at might not be what you see
If you believe your own eyes, tell your mouth to disagree

He kept mum. He played dumb
This is where he comes from
He never cracked and he never crowed
Despite the fact that the blood flowed

I think I might have heard he said that he was at the scene
He could have been a witness he's unwilling to come clean
Or come forward or speak up tattle on or testify
He's no snitch God Damn son of a bitch, stick a needle in his eye

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He kept it zipped. But lipped
He never tripped and he never flipped
It's where he's from and his pride showed
He kept mum and respected the code

He was in a packie where he worked part time
When he was a victim of a violent crime
Shot him on the spot within the light of day
Customers standing there looked the other way

One of several hollow points is how he lost his jaw
That's not how it happened, and what they say they saw
I hear his wheelchair is from the second shot
Could be true for all they knew they say that they forgot

To clarify its cut and dry it's pretty much expected
If you grew up here you're well aware, that the code must be respected
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