

# Kathleen

The Rumjacks

When he fell to his knee she thought  
He must've spied a penny at his feet  
And the water in his eye was just the rain  
Over the Glasgow city street  
She rifles through her coat  
To find a cigarette  
A' to give her shakin' hands something to do  
'For Chrissakes Jimmy  
How longs it take to tie yer shoe?'

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Or the cheapest piece o' shit you've ever seen  
O Kathleen, while me hairs all me own  
And I still have a song left to sing

I've had enough o sleepin' rough  
I want a warm safe place of all me own  
We can stack a pile o bricks out in the sticks  
And build ourselves a home  
And down all the years you'll pretend not to notice  
I've been swappin' all yer whisky for tea  
When I go singin' in the chapel  
You'll go sittin' three rows from me

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With that fire in yer belly  
You can help me keep the wolves from the door  
We can go to bed hungry  
So the children don't know that we're poor  
We'll teach 'em love tackles hate  
And be they sinner or a saint  
We can hold 'em up as heroes all the same  
May they be strangers to the devil  
And a choir o' angels sing their name

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When he fell to his knee she thought  
He must've had a crisis of the soul  
And the sorrow in his eye was just him  
Lookin' for a steady hand to hold  
'Through the laughter and the tears  
We grew silver with the years  
While so many gave each other up for dead'  
Though at times they hardly spoke y'know  
They stayed together, it's just what people did

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