

Streets of London

(Ralph McTell)

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- 1) Have you seen the old man in the closed down market,
kicking up the papers with his worn-out shoes?
In his eyes you see no pride, hand held loosely by his side.
Yesterday's paper telling yesterday's news.

- R. So how can you tell me you're lonely
and say for you that the sun don't shine.
Let me take you by the hand and lead you through the streets of London.
I'll show you something to make you change your mind.

- 2) Have you seen the old girl who walks the streets of London,
dirt in her hair and her clothes in rags?
She's no time for talking, she just keeps right on walking,
carrying her home in two carrier bags.

- 3) In the all-night cafe at quarter past eleven,
the same old man sitting there on his own
looking at the world over the rim of his tea cup,
each tea lasts an hour and he wanders home alone.

- 4) Have you seen the old man outside the seaman's mission,
mem'ry fading with the medal ribbons that he wears?
In our winter city the rain cries a little pity
for one more forgotten hero and a world that doesn't care.