Big Country, I Could Be Happy Here

Who saw the fences falling Who broke the ploughman's bread Who heard the winter calling Who wore the tailor's thread How many sheaves were counted How did the carriage shine How many thoughts were doubted How did the landlord dine Just as you sow you shall reap Who led the mayday feasting Who saw the harvest home Who left the future wasting Who watched the families go See where the bowls are empty See where the arms reach See where the butter melted See where the altars creak Where were the days of promise Where were the gifts divine Where were the heroes honest Where was the summer wine Watch how the waves must shatter Watch how the shore divides Watch how the nets will tatter Watch Canute and his bride