

# Jimmy Nail, Hands Of Time

if I could turn back the hands of time  
if I could turn back the clock  
I wouldn't be in the place I'm in  
I wouldn't be in the dock  
where's your friends when you need them most  
probably hidin' under a rock  
if I could undo the things I did  
if I could turn back the clock  
it started out like any other day  
lazin' around with nothing to do  
my mind started wondering onto criminal things  
and how to make a dollar or two  
I called the guys on my telling phone  
and told them of my little scheme  
we drank some beer, we ate some pills,  
I shared with them my dream  
I can't recall exactly how  
I got to where I shouldn't have been  
my head seemed filled with hombra stuff  
I felt like I was on the screen  
I drank more beer, I ate more pills  
gained myself a spinning head  
I raised a gun, I killed a man  
I'm told it was for something he said  
it's been a year since I said a prayer  
but God Almighty, if your listening up there  
if I could turn back the hands of time  
if I could turn back the clock  
I wouldn't be in this cell right now  
I wouldn't be in the dock  
where's your friends when you need them most  
probably hidin' under a rock  
if I could undo the things I did  
if I could turn back the clock  
misters life and death drone on  
in their salutary tones  
while I stand in that wooden dock  
all sober and alone  
the papers say it's such a crime  
what's been dishd to me  
and people who I do not know  
are banging on for clemency  
now I have the best of cells  
with ladies on my walls  
when I'm moved they holler "dead man walking"  
the words echo around the halls  
I ponder on where my soul is bound  
as I stare up at the moon  
above the clouds, beneath the ground  
I'm gonna find out real soon  
strap me in to the killing chair  
give me the volts, straighten out my hair  
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if I could undo all the things I did  
if I could turn back the clock