

# Ray Davies, After The Fall

(Ray Davies)

I just had a really bad fall  
And this time it was harder to get up than before  
I shouted to the heavens and a vision appeared  
I cried out "Can you help?" it replied "Not at all";

After the fall is over  
You'll be on your own  
After the fall is over

There'll be wrecks to clear in this war zone  
There'll be much to clean and time to atone  
But while it's dark you can shelter here  
In the bleak midwinter when you're feeling the fear  
Ah, but when the mist clears, the sun will shine again

A life's gotta have direction  
After the deals are done  
You gotta ask the question

Ask yourself why you go through it all  
When morality kicks in, who will catch you when you fall  
I'm a sinner waiting at the traveler's rest  
Seeking refuge from the storm, and I'm a grateful guest  
And a profit cries out in high platitudes  
I smile and say, "Hey, I was just passing through";  
And an angel cries, "Wait, we'll tell you when to move";  
Even at the gates of Heaven I'll be waiting in a queue

Seems like I'm falling upwards  
Into the great white blue  
And all my imperfections

You can learn your lines and fabricate a show  
But the way we come in, yeah, that's the way we're gonna go  
We cheat and lie to conquer our fears  
We can put on a smile just to cover up the tears  
Ah, but when the mist clears, the sun will shine again

After the fall (after the fall is over)  
There'll be a better day  
After the fall is over

So I fell on my arse, now I'm feeling the pain  
But the feeling will pass and so will the shame  
The bigger the ego, the bigger the fall  
When your reputation counts for nothing at all  
Ah, but when the mist clears, the sun will shine again

I will greet you when the sun shines again  
After the fall (after the fall is over)  
There'll be a better day  
After the fall is over