

Robert Earl Keen, Then Came Lo Mein

There were lean times, they were tough
There were mean times they were rough
And the good times didn't outweigh the bad
I was sad you were bitter
But you were no quitter
When nothin' was all that we had

We were drinkin' a lot
We were thinkin' of tyin' the knot
Or maybe throw in the towel
Make up have a kid
Break up and we did
But only just for awhile

Then came lo mein and going insane
At the Chinese cafe way downtown
I was steamed I was fried but you stood by my side
When I had my nervous breakdown

There were noodles galore
All over the floor
And hot mustard sauce everywhere
But I held your hand til you calmed down again
And picked out the rice in your hair

After that we agreed
When in fact what we need
Is to pack up and take the first plane
Take a bus take a bike
Take care take a hike
Take out but leave the lo mein

I remember it now when we order kung pao
And bow our heads to say grace
The day we left town and that nervous breakdown
At the all-you-can-eat Chinese place
At the Chinese cafe way downtown