Berlin, Masquerade

The painted faces on the street Caricatures of long ago Oh they were young and oh so sweet Down beyond the boulevard Knock on doors and empty halls And still sometimes remember The masquerade's forever

When you see the price they paid I'm sure you'll come and join the masquerade

The reeling figures pass on by Like ghosts in some forgotten play Beneath the black and empty sky Music plays and figures dance With partners chosen by chance And still some times remember The masquerade's forever

They reached for tomorrow But tomorrows, more of the same So they reached for tomorrow But tomorrow never came

When you hear the price they paid I'm sure you'll come and join the masquerade

One by one and two by two
Past eight by tens in shattered frames
The players try to leave the room
Frantic puppets on a string
And all the while the music sings
And still sometimes remember
The masquerade's forever