

Jethro Tull, Medley: We Used To Know / For A Thousand Mothers

Whenever I get to feel this way,
Try to find new words to say,
I think about the bad old days
We used to know.

Nights of winter turn me cold
Fears of dying, getting old.
We ran the race and the race was won
By running slowly.

Could be soon we'll cease to sound,
Slowly upstairs, faster down.
Then to revisit stony grounds,
We used to know.

Remembering mornings, shillings spent,
Made no sense to leave the bed.
The bad old days they came and went
Giving way to fruitful years.

Saving up the birds in hand
While in the bush the others land.
Take what we can before the man
Says it's time to go.

Each to his own way I'll go mine.
Best of luck in what you find.
But for your own sake remember times
We used to know.
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===For A Thousand Mothers===
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Did you hear mother --
Saying I'm wrong but I know I'm right.
Did you hear father?
Calling my name into the night.
Saying I'll never be what I am now.
Telling me I'll never find what I've already found.
It was they who were wrong,
And for them here's a song.

Did you hear baby --
Come back and tell you the things he's seen.
Did it surprise you
To be picked up at eight in a limousine?
Doing the things he's accustomed to do.
Which at one time it seemed like a dream
Now it's true.
And unknowing
You made it all happen this way.

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