

Johnny Clegg & Savuka, Kwela Man

Long ago there was a sound in the night
A Kwela man singing under the street light
With a cheap guitar he gave his sorrow a smile
And he sowed his songs in the alley ways mile upon mile

Chorus

Ye hum ho la lo Kwela man

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Ye hum ho la lo Kwela man

You gave it your life

Living low with the pennywhistle-tea-chest-base-gang

I followed him home and he danced as he sang

But now he's gone

Not even the slightest traces

Of a Kwela song

And the street is full of empty spaces

Chorus

Nobody knows did he survive the winding road

Did he find a song that took him back to the heartland

Here I stand lost in a memory

Of a Kwela man singing in the long gone twilight

Chorus

When I followed you home Kwela man

You filled my soul, Kwela Kwela

When you sang your song Kwela man

You gave it your life

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Ye hum ho la lo Kwela man

Ye hum ho la lo Kwela man

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