

Level 42, Man

Hey man where you been
you can't run away
from the life you made your own
now that it's gone and left you down and out
you're not so complete
now what do you say
all the answers you propose
nobody chose to hear this time around
hey man you're so vain
you rise up again
to perform to pressure now
no way to treat that precious heart at all
calm down you're too proud
now what do you know
you present some facts to face
but nobody chose to look this time around
head in the clouds
no silver lining
what could be wrong
hey man why so blue
what's come over you
sentimental apathy
ain't gonna buy no sympathy today
wide world wearing thin
wild words deafening
shout about integrity
and then you go and throw your dignity away
we're all the same
we're all to blame
what could be wrong, yeah
hey man you got carried away
carrying on the games that you play
playing is not the way to win
'cos winning can be a way that you lose
and losing is not the way you would choose
given the choice you're trying to change
changing again you're carried away
do you remember the day
so long ago so far behind
that history wrought in the fire
that filled your mind with mad desire
chasing the centuries down
long roads you cut through flesh and field
pulling the past as you run
and it's dragged you to your knees
it's time to pray
it's getting harder to pay
too many people
for the rent
given a number of ways
is there no way you can change
Hey man sing the blues