

# Quicksilver Messenger Service, I Heard You Sing

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I heard you singing  
What were you singing when the people got right?  
Were you singing Stand and Deliver?  
Or was it Down by the River?  
Were you singing a fine old tune like Gone to Glory?  
Laying it down with grace and power  
Long about the midnight hour

I heard the people all singing  
Like they'd never sung before  
All over the country  
Who could help but stand beside you?

Hello, hello - is there anybody here?  
My knuckles are sore from rapping all day  
I said: Give me one more chance  
I'd do it for you if I had your way  
If I had your way

What do I know? What do I see?  
Don't know nothing but the name of the game  
It's high-card draw with everything wild  
You bet your life like anyone's child  
What else would you want to do?

I heard the people all singing  
Like they never sung before  
Singing in key and strumming  
Everything they heard from you  
Hello, hello, hello, hello ... goodbye

Looking back across the years

Other matters disappear  
In the murmur I can hear  
Familiar voices loud and clear  
Hello, hello, hello, hello ... goodbye

I heard you singing  
Like one last song in the middle of the night  
Were you singing in tongues of fire  
Or was it knots of anger?

Were you singing a fine old tune like  
Love Me, Love Me, Love Me Only?  
Were you caught btween the curtains  
Thinking this was too uncertain?

Remember ... the people were singing  
Like they never sung before  
All over the country  
Did you love the way they loved you?

Ain't no knocker on the last big door  
Just push on the panel and walk on in  
Hello, hello, is there anybody here  
But a two-bit high and a busted mirror?  
Hello, hello - is anybody here?  
My tongue is so sore from rapping all day

Sunshine in the dead on night  
I know that can't be right  
Could it be? I don't know  
But it never done that thing before  
So close to my own back door  
It got me wondering what to do  
And the only thing was to come and tell you  
Because - I heard you singing - I heard you