Richard Thompson, Drifting Through The Days

(Richard Thompson)

Sitting in the evening
Dreaming of the old times
When a job was there for the steady and strong
I see old faces flickering in the firelight
Faces of condemned men who did no wrong

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A man needs work for his own salvation A man feels reward for his sweat and his pain But life's satisfaction has passed us over And many in this town won't see work again

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I've stood at the gates of a hundred factories Walked off to other towns looking for pay Now my hope is gone and I'm crushed like the others The army of forgotten men, mouldering away

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