

# Richard Thompson, Israelites

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My wife and my kids, they are packed up and leave me.  
Darling, she said, I was yours to be seen.  
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Shirt them a-tear up, trousers are gone.  
I don't want to end up like Bonnie and Clyde.  
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After a storm there must be a calm.  
They catch me in the farm. You sound the alarm.  
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I wonder who I'm working for.  
Poor me, Israelite,  
I look a-down and out, sir.