Stiff Little Fingers, Piccadilly Circus

Piccadilly Circus in the dead of night Just passing time beneath the lights Up in town and all alone Got no business so minds his own

The hotel room is lonely and cold He might as well go for a stroll Idly looking in a hi-fi shop Footsteps, a chuckle, and one hard slap

And they didn't even see his face See him flinch or hear him groan They didn't even see his eyes One mean blow and on they ran

He put his fingers to his side And felt his flesh was open wide He felt the rent the blow had made For the hand that fell had held a blade

And they didn't even see his face See him stumble, hear his cry They didn't even see his eyes Just lashed out in passing by

What can it mean? Who can make some sense of that? Did it mean a thing to them? What can make a mind like that?

Those forty stitches helped him over Who can live life over his shoulder? He tried to put it in his past And flew safe home back to Belfast

And they didn't even see his face See him stagger, watch him fall They didn't even see his eyes They never knew him at all

Never knew him Tried to kill him Never knew him Tried to kill him