

# Tommy Shaw, Down On The Ground

I thought what I was hearing  
Was the sound of mission bells  
Perhaps it was a mission  
Not from heaven but from hell

I lay down my body  
On the fertile ground I fell  
All the things seemed clear to me  
I never felt so well

But when the night was over  
And the morning sun burned through  
And I listened for the mission bells  
But a dissonance rang through

You shook me up  
You shook me down  
But you won't keep me  
Down on the ground  
Your love is strong  
But I've been down too long  
Why you wanna keep on  
Doing me wrong

I thought what I was hearing  
Was the voice of my old friend  
I poured out my feelings  
And I felt healed again

I held that door open  
And said why don't you stay  
You're tired and you're hungry  
I thought I heard you say

So you sat down at my table  
I closed my eyes as you prayed  
While you filled your every pocket  
With the living I had made

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Be suspicious of the messenger

I was moments from the gates of insanity  
I had followed a mirror of my vanity  
I stood naked stripped of my humanity  
And I cried to the heavens

God get me out of here!  
Just this time  
Please get me out of here

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Who will comfort and divide you

Pretend to be beside you  
But he'll always be a stranger  
When you find yourself in danger  
When you're lost and in the dark  
Listen to your heart

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