XTC, Harvest Festival

See the flowers round the altar See the peaches in tins 'neath the headmaster's chair Harvest festival See the two who've been chosen See them walk hand in hand to the front of the hall Harvest festival Harvest festival What was best of all was the Longing look you gave me That longing look More than enough to keep me fed all year See the children with baskets See their hair cut like corn neatly combed in their rows Harvest festival Harvest festival What was best of all was the Longing look you gave me That longing look Across the hymnbooks and the canvas chairs The longing look you gave me That longing look More than enough to keep me fed all year What a year when the exams and crops all failed Of course you passed but you were never seen again We all grew and we got screwed and cut and nailed Then out of nowhere invitation in gold pen See the flowers round the altar See that you too got married and I wish you well Harvest festival Harvest festival What was best of all was the Longing look you gave me That longing look Across the hymnbooks and the canvas chairs The longing look you gave me That longing look More than enough to keep me fed all year Harvest festival