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Smiths, The "The Queen Is Dead"

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Farewell to this land's cheerless marches Hemmed in like a boar between arches Her very Lowness with her head in a sling I'm truly sorry but it sounds like a wonderful thing

I say Charles don't you ever crave To appear on the front of the Daily Mail Dressed in your Mother's bridal veil?

And so I checked all the registered historical facts And I was shocked into shame to discover How I'm the 18th pale descendent Of some old queen or other

Oh has the world changed, or have I changed? Oh has the world changed, or have I changed? Some nine year old tough who peddles drugs I swear to God, I swear I never even knew what drugs were

So I broke into the Palace With a sponge and a rusty spanner She said: "Eh, I know you, and you cannot sing" I said: "that's nothing - you should hear me play piano"

We can go for a walk where it's quiet and dry And talk about precious things But when you are tied to your mother's apron No-one talks about castration

We can go for a walk where it's quiet and dry And talk about precious things Like love and law and poverty These are the things that kill me

We can go for a walk where it's quiet and dry And talk about precious things But the rain that flattens my hair These are the things that kill me

Passed the pub that saps your body

And the church who'll snatch your money The Queen is dead, boys And it's so lonely on a limb

Pass the pub that wrecks your body And the church, all they want is your money The Queen is dead, boys And it's so lonely on a limb

Life is very long, when you're lonely Life is very long, when you're lonely Life is very long, when you're lonely Life is very long, when you're lonely

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