

## **Cat Stevens**

### **"Ruins"**

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It's so quiet in the ruins  
Walking though the old town  
Stones crumbling under my feet  
I see smoke for miles around

Oh, it's enough to make you weep  
All that remains of the main street  
Up in the park on Sunday  
Dogs chasing and the children played

Old man with his head down  
Can't see nothing more around, no  
But he remembers how it used to be  
Back in the old days

So nice to see you coming  
Back in this town again  
It's nice to see a friendly face  
Come peeping through

Having tea In the afternoon, now  
So nice to see you coming  
Back in this town again

Ah, but it's all changed  
Winter turned on a man  
Came down on day  
When no one was looking  
And it stole away the land

People running scared, losing hands  
Dodging shadows of falling sand  
Buildings standing like empty shells  
And nobody, helping no one else

Young child with his hands high  
Ain't able to see no reason why, no  
But he remembers how it used to be

So nice to see you coming  
Back in this town again  
It's nice to see a friendly face

Come peeping through

You'd better know  
What you're going through now  
You came back here to find  
Your home is a black horizon  
That you don't recognize

Evil destruction has taken everything  
You'd better walk on the side  
While you're still walking  
Just keep on walking on  
Down the street keep your distance  
From the people you meet, oh, Lord

And you'd better watch your eyes  
'Cause if smoke gets in them  
Baby, you won't rise again  
So nice to see you coming  
Back in this town again

Where's it leading to  
Freedom at what cost  
People needing more and more  
And it's all getting lost

I want back, I want back  
Back to the time  
When the earth was green  
And there was no high walls  
And the sea was clean  
Don't stop that sun to shine  
It's not yours or mine, no

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