Fairport Convention "Trial Song"

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Lee," the sargeant said to me, "acting on my discretion It is my solemn duty to arrest you on suspicion"

They put me in a carriage, I was driven many miles

They locked me in a prison cell to await my trial

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The man who'd defend me was I'll and couldn't come His brother came to lend me help and?a dupe? I was Undone

"Do just what you want with me, I don't have a choice You'd do as well without me as I'm not allowed to use My voice"

The judge sits high and mighty and he asks me who I am

The robes he wears impress me but he looks a kindly man

"To all who've come to see me, for those that'd prove Me guilty

May the joker hear your call and show you all more Mercy"

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The trial was quickly over and my head was full of pain I was slowly going crazy with the same story over again I was tired and aching, I was standing half asleep All I wanted was to take the weight from off my feet

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The jury filed in slowly while we waited their command "Courage, John, you're helpless and you are in heaven's

Hand"
John Lee's not scared of dying, there's a smile in all
You'll find
Cradled in a deep sleep with a perfect peace of mind

I cannot blame the jury, on the evidence they heard It seemed that I was guilty, hanged by too many words I?spied a couple of? people so I told them what it Meant

I trust the Lord in heaven and he knows I'm innocent

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