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He met the world as a Dalkeith boy Raised from a shaft at Monktonhall In a well oiled cage that locked away his dreams

An '85 veteran face from the gallery A ghost from the civil war in the family He stood his ground on the picket line 'Til all that he was left with were his father's cough

From his mother's eyes That would hold a tear for the very first time When the government, they took his job away

Now fist in hand you stand in line Declare his name and mark his time To some the only proof that they're alive

He could have been you He could have been me He could have been anybody But he was born lucky

He could have been you He could have been me He could have been anybody But he was born lucky, lucky

He made his first down payment On a sharp Italian suit He sewed razor blades into the lapels

See him sweating on the dance floor Cool dust oozing out of every pore A hard man with a hard life That's a story that he'll tell you

Down at Easter Road till his throat is raw On a Saturday, he knows the score Till the whistle blows and the tempers With their colors fade away

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He could have been anybody But he was born lucky, lucky

On the helipads at Aberdeen By the platforms, drilling oil rich seas Where the trawlers are getting fewer every year

By the furnaces at Ravenscraig By the padlocks holding John Brown's gates In the desert, in the fields of South Armagh

Where the poppies grow behind the Hampden roar Behind the drums in Genoa On the deck that rides a South Atlantic swell

Born to fight out of the tightest corner You can bet on him with the odds against you They'll not put him down no matter how they try

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