

## **Ian Hunter**

# **"Open My Eyes"**

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(ian hunter/darrel bath)

(transcribed by colin ford)

On the avenue of dead umbrellas  
In a place where nothin' sleeps  
No one's pickin' up the pieces - no one speaks  
Snow falls down - God dusts funky town  
For once this place looks pure  
Tell that to the people who live in the wind - they ain't so  
sure

In the middle of a violent night - in the glare of a naked  
light  
In the middle of a nightmare  
At the bottom of the deepest well - in the middle of a  
private hell  
Shit scared - out there - nowhere

Then I open my eyes - ice on the window - the sun is  
tryin' to break through

Then I open my eyes - in the land of the livin' - and it's  
all right  
Seen a man rattle in a battle that no one could win  
I had to turn my soul away  
Shit's gonna happen - whether you like it or not  
S' just the way it is

Then I open my eyes - boats on the river - headin' down  
the east side

Then I open my eyes - and the trash(? ) slips away  
Soft and supple - like some alibi  
You been walkin in her sleep - there ain't no cure for the  
secrets you hide

In the middle of my wildest dream - in a place where  
nothin's what it seems

At the time of a great loss  
From the hoods and the broken homes - this danger's

got a smell of it's own  
In the middle of c-c-chaos  
In the valley of the shadow of death - the bellevue boys  
out kickin' ass  
In the middle of fire  
Inside the belly of the beast - in a place where wonders  
never cease  
You go higher, higher, higher

Then I open my eyes - life in a nutshell - it's over 'fore  
you know it  
Then I open my eyes

And the city wakes up - puts coffee in cups - when I  
open my eyes  
And the kids go to school - imus rules - when I open my  
eyes  
I love you n' you love me  
N' it rains so I buy an umbrella from the guy on 23rd  
and second avenue

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