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"The Sad Cafe"

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Out in the shiny night
The rain was softly falling
The tracks that ran down the boulevard
Had all been washed away

And out of the silver light
The past came softly calling
And I remember the times we spent
Inside the Sad Cafe

Oh, it seemed like a holy place
Protected by amazing grace
And we would sing right out loud
The things we could not say

We thought we could change this world
With words like 'love' and 'freedom'
We were part of the lonely crowd
Inside the Sad Cafe

Oh, expecting to fly
We would meet on that beautiful shore
In the sweet by and by

Some of their dreams came true
Some just passed away
And some of them stay behind
Inside the Sad Cafe

The clouds roll in and hid that shore
And now that glory train
It don't stop here no more

Now that I look at the years gone by
And wonder at the powers that be
I don't know why fortune smiles on some
And let's the rest go free

So maybe the time has drawn
The faces I recall
But things in this life change very slowly

If they ever change at all

There's no use in asking why
It just turned out that way
So meet me at midnight, baby
Inside the Sad Cafe

Why don't you meet me at midnight, baby
Inside the Sad Cafe?

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