

## **Jackson Joe**

### **"Real Men"**

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Okay, here's my first contribution...

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Joe Jackson--"Real Men" (from the album Body & Soul, I believe)

Take your mind back  
I don't know when.  
Some time when it always seemed to be just us and  
them.  
Girls that wore pink,

And boys that wore blue  
Boys that always grew up better men than me and you.

What's a man now?  
What's a man mean?  
Is he rough or is he rugged? Is he cultural and clean?  
Now it's all changed  
It's got to change more  
'Cause we think it's getting better but nobody's really  
sure.

And so it goes, go round again  
But now and then we wonder who the real men are...

See the nice boys,

Dancing in pairs  
Golden earring, golden tan and blow wave in their hair.  
Sure they're all straight  
Straight as a line  
All the gays are macho, can't you see their leather  
shine.

You don't want to sound dumb  
Don't want to offend  
So don't call me a faggot, not unless you are a friend.  
Then if you're tall  
And handsome and strong

Then you can wear a uniform and I can play along.

And so it goes, go round again  
But now and then we wonder who the real men are...

Time to get scared  
Time to change plan  
Don't know how to treat a lady, don't know how to be a  
man.  
Time to admit  
What you call defeat  
'Cause there's women running past you now and you  
just drag your  
feet.

Man makes a gun,

Man goes to war  
Man can kill and man can drink and man can take a  
whore  
Kill all the blacks  
Kill all the reds  
And if there's war between the sexes then there'll be no  
people left.

And so it goes, go round again  
But now and then we wonder who the real men are...

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---Alfvaen(a.k.a. Aaron V. Humphrey)  
Canadian Network For Space Research, Edmonton,  
Alberta, Canada  
"And they call for the Three Great Stimulants of the  
exhausted ones:  
Artifice, Brutality and Innocence..." ---Joni Mitchell  
Current Album--Prince:1999

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