

Jethro Tull "Big Riff & Mando"

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Marty loved the sound of the stolen mandolin
Somebody took it on a dare in the nighttime
Run up to the radio, calling out to the wind
Now, bring it, bring it back at least an hour before flight
time

It was a souvenir, but it was a right arm missing
Swap a woodwork rhythm for a humbucking top line

Big Riff, rough boy, wants to be a singer in a band
A little slow in the brain box, but he had a quick right
hand
Run left, run right everywhere he look
nobody watching, no, but that was all he took last night

Running on the power of a stolen mandolin
Steal a little inspiration, steal a little muscle
Will he wake in the morning, wondering was it really
worth it?
So make a little deal, yeah, make a little hustle

Ringin' on the radio got a proposition for those English
boys
I'll make the singsong you can make the background
noise
One, two, three, four one bar and in
Give you back the mando, if you'll let this singer sing
tonight, tonight

Running on the power of a stolen mandolin
Steal a little inspiration, steal a little muscle
Will he wake in the morning, wondering was it really
worth it?
So come on make a little deal, yeah, make a little
hustle

Marty loved the sound of the stolen mandolin
Big Riff took it on a dare in the nighttime
Now it's four o'clock, and we're waiting at the sound
check
Looking for a face staring in from the sunshine

We got two strong lawmen from the sheriff's office
They're going to lift Big Riff before he plays the first
line

Big Riff, rough boy, wants to be a singer in a band
Yeah, help him on the stage now, put that microphone
in his hand
Think hard, think right nothing in his mind
So Riff did a runner, but he left the mandolin behind,
behind

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