

Jethro Tull "Broadford Bazaar"

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Dirty white caravans down our road, sailing.
Vivas, cortinas, weaving in their wake.
With hot, red-faced drivers, horns flattened, fists
whaling,
Putting trust in blind corners as they overtake.

And it's "all come willing now,
Spend a shilling now,
Stack up the back of your new motor-car."
There's home-dyed woolens, and wee plastic [cuillins]
[blessed?] [cuchulains?]
[cuchulain == mythical irish hero --- wee plastic
cuchulains?]

[jo-l@kcbbs.gen.nz (jo lobb) explains: broadford is a
town on
Skye (where the road that passes dun ringill leaves the
main
Road, incidentally) and skye's famous cuillin hills are
nearby.
I suppose tourists could be expected to buy wee plastic
models
Of spectacular hills also, the cuillin hills are "also
Known as the coolins or cuchullins, possibly after an
ossianic
Hero...", so maybe wee plastic model heroes do make
sense, after
All.]

The day of the broadford bazaar.

Out of the north, no oil-rigs are drifting.
And jobs for the many are down to the few.
Blue-bottle choppers, they visit no longer.

Like flies to the jampots, they were just passing
through.

And it's "all come willing now,
Spend a shilling now,
Stack up the back of your new motor-car"
Where once stood oil-rigs so phallic

There's only swear-words in gaelic
To say at the broadford bazaar.

All kinds of people come down for the opening.
Crofters and cottiers, white [wild?] settlers galore.
[crofter == farmer renting land]
[cottier == farmer renting land]
And up on the hill, there's an old sheep that's dying,
But it had two new lambs born just a fortnight before.

And it's "all come willing now,
Spend a shilling now,
Stack up the back of your new motor-car."
We'll take pounds, francs and dollars from the well-
heeled,
And stamps from the green shield.
The day of the broadford bazaar.

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