Jethro Tull "Mountain Men"

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The poacher and his daughter
Throw soft shadows on the water in the night
A thin moon slips behind them
As they pull the net with no betraying light

And later on the coast road, I meet them And the old man winks a smile And who am I to fast deny the right To take a fish once in a while?

I walk with them, they wish me luck
When I ship out on the Sunday from the Kyle
And from the church I hear them singing
As the ship moves sadly from the pier
Oh, poachers daughter, Sunday best
Two hundred brave souls share the farewell tear

Well, there's a house on the hillside
Where the drifting sands are born
Lay down and let the slow tide wash me
Back to the lands where I came from
Where the mountain men are kings
And the sound of the piper counts for everything

I did my tour, did my duty
I did all they asked of me
Died in the trenches and at El Alamein
Died in the Falklands on TV
Going back to the mountain kings
Where the sound of the piper counts for everything

Long generations from the Isles Sent to tread the foreign miles Where the spiral ages meet Felt naked dust beneath their feet

Future sun called winds to blow And the past and present hard-eyed crow Flew hunting high and circling low Over blackened plains of Eden

There's a child and a woman praying

For an end to the mystery
Hoping for a word in a letter
Fair wind-blown from across the sea
To where the mountain men are kings
And the sound of the piper counts for everything

There's a house on the hillside Where the drifting sands are born Lay down and let the slow tide wash me Back to the lands where I came from

Where the mountain men are kings And the sound of the piper counts for everything Where the real mountain men are kings And the sound of that piper counts for everything

Feel the naked dust beneath my toes
While the future sun calls winds to blow
And the past and present black-eyed crow
Flies hunting high and circling low
Between dream mountains of our Eden

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