

# Jethro Tull

## "Queen And Country"

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The wind is on the river  
And the tide has turned too late  
So we're sailing for another shore  
Where some other ladies wait

To throw us silken whispers  
Catch us by the anchor chains  
But we all laugh so politely  
And we sail on just the same

For queen and country in the long dying day  
And it's been this way for five long years  
Since we signed our souls away

We bring back gold and ivory  
Rings of diamonds, strings of pearls  
Make presents to the government  
So they can have their social whirl

With queen and country in the long dying day  
And it's been this way for five long years  
Since we signed our souls away

They build schools and they build factories  
With the spoils of battles won  
And we remain their pretty sailor boys  
Hold our heads up to the gun

Of queen and country in the long dying day  
And it's been this way for five long years  
Since we signed our souls away

To queen and country in the long dying day  
And it's been this way for five long years  
Since we signed our souls away

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