

John Cale "Maps Of The World"

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May I help you, Sir?
Yes, I'd like to buy a map, please
What kind of map?

As up-to-date as possible
I'm thinking of doing a bit of traveling
And I need the latest world atlas

I'm sorry but we may be in a bit of trouble there
All the maps are changing so rapidly
It's difficult to follow these days
Since the East has returned to the dance floor

Yes, I sense a loss of azimuth here
A falling off the edge of the world as we know it
A scattering of temples, a wish for a more modern
Cairo
A more divisive equator, a more beautiful sunset
A bluer sky, tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow

I'm leaving for home, leaving for home tonight
Gabon, Zaire, Congo, Rwanda
I'm leaving for home, leaving for home tonight
Zimbabwe, Botswana, Lesotho, Tanzania

The world changes partners to dance
Poor Libya, so misunderstood
The mighty Zambezi, the windblown Kalahari
A wish for a more electronic mailbox

A more African nightmare, a more vigorous Burundi
Mozambique Electronique, the armies of Namibia
Angola, who is your Cuba now?
Changed partners, the world wants to dance

I'm leaving for home, leaving for home tonight
Somalia, Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon, Togo
I'm leaving for home, leaving for home tonight
Tothigua, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Western Sahara

The maidens of Morocco, Burkina Faso, the riches of
Liberia

A stranger symbolism, a sand-storm of antiquities
A more beautiful sunset, a sparser continent, a bluer
sky
A more disturbing rhythm, an angrier drum-beat

I'm leaving for home, leaving for home tonight
Estonia, Latvia, Kazakhstan, Nashville
Changed partners again, changed partners just for the
night
Ankara, Enseno and Madrid, Twin Cities, Reno

I'm leaving for home, leaving for home tonight
Inuit, Rome, Vancouver
Changed partners again, changed partners just for the
night
Afghanistan, Sardinia, Peru
Changed partners again, changed partners just for the
night
Columbia, Argentina, France, Syria, Catalan, Oslo

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