## John Cale "The High And Mighty Road"

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Before the end of the beginning Before the finish credits role There is a brief but brutal truth along The high and mighty road

Faces tend to run together
Names be lost and legends told
Of the ways to be forgiven
On that high and mighty road

There is a will to test the power There is the struggle for control Of the basic rights of passage Along the high and mighty road

It is a journey for the taking
It is a choice that can be made
It is the soul that may be shaken
It is the spirit to be sane

There is hypocrisy and wonder When fortunes pale and empires Home to an ancient way of magic Along a high and mighty road

Money changers seeking payments For the privileged to be so bold To say the train is not too crowded For a high and mighty road

And the courage may be tested By judgment harsh and cold From the monitors of progress Along that high and mighty road

There are the words that have been spoken There is the life that's been portrayed It is a promise to be broken It is the joy that dies in vain

Pale treasure, fragile beauty Or the messages set in coal We delivered as nostalgic on that High and mighty road

Sacrifice and deprivation
Are spiteful paradoxes sold
As begrudging restitutions
Along that high and mighty road

And yet the faces, oh God the faces
They seldom change from young to old
They only seem to grow more brazen
Along the high and mighty road

It is the future we are trading It is the prices that we pay It is the mind that is mistaken It is the heart we give away

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