

## Johnny Clegg "The Promise"

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Electric chair didn't burn a hair  
and the newspaperman asked why  
and while the warden explain in great detail  
the newsman looked in the sky  
"I'm sure!", he said, "if you look a little deeper  
for something in his life  
we could understand the reason why  
he reached out for a knife."

Oooh! What happened to the promise?  
Oooh! what happened to the one we knew?

So, onto a a train the newspaperman rode  
down to the southern lands  
to find out about a child long gone  
turned into a lightning man.

Chorus:

Oooh! what happened to the promise?  
Oooh! what happened to the one we knew?  
Oooh! what happened to the promise?  
Oooh! what happened to the heart so true.

"Some of them make it through", she said  
"some of them never do, and one of them  
got lost in time -- that child of mine  
Oh, I loved that child of mine!"

Arriving in a country town  
with a notepad in his hand  
he spoke to the mother and the father  
and a friend and a teacher and a preacher man  
They all recalled a regular boy chewing gum  
and playing in the sand  
nothing could explain how he became  
a lonely lightning man  
And when the coffin came  
on the southbound train  
and the old folks shuffled by  
the one they came to bury  
was not very heavy, just a child lost in time

## Chorus

What happens to the clear blue eye  
when it enters the forest?  
does anybody know where the little one goes?  
what happens to the child in time?

-- some of them make it through  
-- some of them never do  
-- some of them are lost and saved  
-- some of them find their way  
oooh -- hold on to the promise  
we're going to make it through my baby  
we're going to make it through my little darling

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