

## Kieran Goss

# "Times Ain't What They Used To Be"

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My auntie's in the parlour sipping sherry from a paper  
cup  
And father'd bite your head off, he's working up to nine  
o'clock  
Sister's only sixteen and she thinks she's on the shelf  
And mother says don't worry, you've always got your  
health  
You've always got your health

Times ain't what they used to be, but then they never  
were  
Looking forward to the good old days in my rocking  
chair  
If I knew ten years ago the things that I know now  
I'd understand where and when and wonder why and  
how  
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At three o'clock we'd hear the bell, it never rang before  
it's time  
To the back seat of the bus, making faces at the cars  
behind  
Join the conversation, but we never had the nerve  
Children should be seen they said, and never should  
be heard  
Should be seen and never heard

I fell in love at seventeen, both of us mature and wise  
Couldn't put two words together, but I thought the sun  
shone from her eyes  
Ended at the altar when I took the wedding vow

Went running to the mirror, saw the wrinkles on my  
brow  
Saw the wrinkles on my brow

I gave up on religion for the better, maybe for the  
worse  
Avoiding Father Murphy, his blessings always were a  
curse  
Life was getting colder so I bought a winter coat

And jumped off the nearest bridge, what a time to  
learn to float  
What a time to learn to float

There's a bad girl down the street and she is standing  
by the factory gate  
She said she'd fall in love some day, but up til then  
she'd have to wait  
Settle for a husband and a family saloon  
And 2.7 children and collecting Mills & Boon  
Collecting Mills & Boon

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