

## **Nana Mouskouri**

### **"Dignity"**

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Fat man lookin' in a blade of steel  
Thin man lookin' at his last meal  
Hollow man lookin' in a cotton field for dignity

Wise man lookin' in a blade of grass  
Young man lookin' in the shadows that pass  
Poor man lookin' through painted glass for dignity

Somebody got murdered on New Year's Eve  
Somebody said dignity was the first to leave  
I went into the city, went into the town  
Went into the land of the midnight sun

Searchin' high, searchin' low  
Searchin' everywhere I know  
Askin' the cops wherever I go  
"Have you seen dignity?"

Blind man breakin' out of a trance  
Puts both his hands in the pocket of chance  
Hopin' to find one circumstance of dignity

I went to the wedding of Mary-Lou  
She said I don't want nobody see me talkin to you  
Said she could get killed if she told me what she knew  
about dignity

I went down where the vultures feed  
I would've gone deeper but there wasn't any need  
Heard the tongues of angels and the tongues of men  
Wasn't any difference to me

Chilly wind sharp as a razor blade  
House on fire, debts unpaid  
Gonna stand at the window, gonna ask the maid  
"Have you seen dignity?"

Drinkin' man listens to the voice he hears  
In a crowded room full of covered up mirrors  
Lookin' into the lost forgotten years for dignity

Met Prince Phillip at the home of the blues

Said he'd give me information if his name wasn't used  
He wanted money up front, said he was abused by  
dignity

Footprints runnin' cross the silver sand  
Steps goin' down into tattoo land  
I met the sons of darkness and the sons of light  
In the border towns of despair

Got no place to fade, got no coat  
I'm on the rollin' river in a jerkin' boat  
Tryin' to read a note somebody  
Wrote about dignity

Sick man lookin' for the doctor's cure  
Lookin' at his hands for the lines that were  
And into every masterpiece of literature for dignity

Englishman stranded in the black heart wind  
Combin' his hair back his future looks thin  
Bites the bullet and he looks within for dignity

Someone showed me a picture and I just laughed  
dignity never been photographed  
I went into the red, went into the black  
Into the valley of dry bone dreams

So many roads, so much at stake  
So many dead ends, I'm at the edge of the lake  
Sometimes I wonder what it's gonna take  
To find dignity

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