

## Nick Cave

# "When I First Came To Town"

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When I first came to town  
All the people gathered round  
They bought me drinks  
Lord, how they quickly changed their tune

When I first came to town  
People took me round from end to end  
Like someone may take round a friend  
O how quickly they changed their tune

Suspicion and dark murmurs surround me  
Everywhere I go they confound me  
As though the blood on my hands  
Is there for every citizen to see

O sweet jesus  
There is no turning back  
There is always one more town  
A little further down the track

And from my window, across the tracks  
I watch the juicers burn their fires  
And in that light  
Their faces leer at me  
How I wish they'd just let me be

When I first came to town  
Their favours were for free  
Now even the doors of the whores of this town  
Are closed to me

I search the mirror

And I try to see  
Why the people of this town  
Have washed their hands of me

O sweet jesus  
There is no turning back  
There is always one more town  
A little further down the track

O lord, every god-damn turn I take  
I fear the noose, I fear the stake  
For there is no bone  
They did not break  
In all the towns I've been before

Well those that sin against me are snuffed out  
I know from every day that I live  
God-damn the day that I was born  
The night that forced me from the womb  
And god-damn this town  
For I am leaving now  
But one day I will return  
And the people of this town will surely see  
Just how quickly the tables turn

O sweet jesus  
This really is the end  
There is always one more town  
A little further round the end

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