

## Paul Brady

# "Nothing But The Same Old Story"

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I was just about nineteen  
When I landed on their shore  
With my eyes big as headlights  
Like the thousands and thousands who came before  
I was going to be something . . .  
Smiled at the man scrutinising my face  
As I stepped down off the gangway

Came down to their city  
Where I worked for many's the year  
Built a hundred houses  
Must've pulled half a million pints of beer  
Living under suspicion  
Putting up with the hatred and fear in their eyes  
You can see that you're nothing but a murderer  
In their eyes, we're nothing but a bunch of murderers

Hey, Johnny, can't wait till Saturday night!  
Got a thirst that's raging . . .  
Know a place where we can put that right  
Wash away the confusion  
Hose down this fire inside  
But look out!  
'Cause I'll tear you into pieces if you cross me.

I'm sick of watching them break up  
Every time some bird brain puts us down  
Making jokes on the radio . . .  
Guess it helps them all drown out the sound  
Of the crumbling foundations  
Any fool can see the writing on the wall  
But they just don't believe that its happening.

There's a crowd says I'm alright  
Say they like my turn of phrase  
Take me round to their parties  
Like some dressed up monkey in a cage.  
And I play my accordion  
Oh! but when the wine seeps through the facade  
It's nothing but the same old story  
Nothing but the same old story

Got a brother in Boston  
Says he'll send me on the fare  
Just wrote me a letter  
Making out that he's cleaning up out there  
Two cars in the driveway.  
Summer house way down on the Cape  
And I know he'd fix me up in the morning

I've been thinking about it  
But it seems so far to go  
People say in the winter  
you'd get lost underneath the snow  
And there's this girl from my home place  
We've been planning to move back and give it a try  
So I never got around to going  
That's why I never got around to going.

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