

Pete Townshend

"I Am Afraid"

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Um, I'll see you tomorrow, I might be a bit late
But I will be there this time, uh, so, call me back tonight
Anyway, okay?

I stand beside you, I face the future
I'll admit to you, I am afraid
I am afraid as I stand beside you
I have denied you, I am afraid

I am not drunk now, I am not pilled down
My windows wound down, I am not brainwashed
I am not running, I am not hiding
My bet's still riding, I am afraid

I swing you high, I swing you low
I see your eye, I see you grow
I hear you cryin', your brother's dying
Be no more lyin', I am afraid

Well, who'd have thought it? Thanks to my expose
All hell broke lose for Ray High as the porno pen pal
story
Burst upon us this week, it started harmlessly enough
When pretty American fifteen year old
Rosalind Nathan wrote to her pop hero, Ray High

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By my religion, I stand here naked
I cannot fake it with God as witness
My little children who wait for feedin'
I watch you bleedin', I am afraid

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High, one time psychedelic flower child

Now turned alcoholic vegetable
Frantically encouraged a sordid series
Of what can only be described as 'Letters'

This steamy correspondence climaxed
In this wide-eyed innocent fourteen year old's
Now infamous photo, with its suggestion of nakedness
Underage necrophilia, and incest

High issued a series of what can only be described as
'Instructions' by return of post
Allegedly inducting this vulnerable little waif
Into his so called secrets of stardom

She opened her heart to him, she loved to sing
But he seized upon her gullibility
To test out his weird theories
Why did he encourage her? What was he after?

Was she pushed? I think we should be told
Now there's been a dramatic new development
Although Ray High's Albums have been re-released this
week
Decent normal people will be more interested in young
Rosalind

She's a brilliant songwriter
A brilliant singer and with my help
Has just released a brilliant new record
I predict a smash hit for this talented sexy nubile young
singer
So rudely abused by that slime ball, Ray High

What the fuck are you doing here, Ruth?
You've come to gloat, have you?
I'm with Rastus, Rastus? You? Rastus?
Yeah, I'm staying here as his guest
He's worried about the scandal, thinks it could be the
end of you

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