Pete Townshend "The Sea Refuses No River"

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I remember being richer than a king The minutes of the day were golden I recall that when the joint passed 'round My body felt a little colder

But now I'm like a sewer channel Running lime and scag Let me get at the master panel Let me at my stack

The sea refuses no river And right now This river's banks are blown

The sea refuses no river Whether stinking and rank Or red from the tank

Whether pure as a spring
There's no damn thing stops the poem
The sea refuses no river
And this river is homeward flowing

I have seen a trace of strain
In other's eyes, not spoken
I must admit that I enjoyed their pain
But this time it's me that's broken

I demand for you and His This must be the time When we decide what freedom is Turn water into wine

For the sea refuses no river We're polluted now But in our hearts still clean

The sea refuses no river
We tried not to age
But time had it's rage
We're washed over the stones

From babies into clones of the mean The sea won't refuse this muddy river Won't deny the sulfurous stream

There was a fool in a dressing robe Riding out the twilight hour Lonely and cold in an empty home Trying to assess his power

But now he's like a stream in flood Swollen by the storm He doesn't care if he sheds his blood Let him be reborn

The sea refuses no river Remember that When the beggar buys a round

The sea refuses no river And rain fills the gutters No time for stutters

This is our chance
To sing and to dance and to clown
The sea refuses no river
And rivers were sprung to drown

The sea refuses no river No pecking code Respected for the damned

The sea refuses no river
Whether starving and ill
Or strung on some pill
Just 'cos you own the land
There's no unique hand plugs the dam

The sea refuses no river And the river is where I am The river is where I am

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