

## **Dead Can Dance "In The Wake Of Adversity"**

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Dave: [I don't think it's Sacred Priests, doesn't sound right]

Bud: [ It does fit the song's meaning, if not the precise sound though. Pious priests, with their "narrow ways," wouldn't care at all to argue with you or I because they know they are right. And of course, the angels they pretend to know so much about, in reality, favour "us". But, these priests cannot see the inner man.

But the song begins with the sound, "ey" or "hey". Comical.  
What do you think?

Sacred priests don't cry....(?)

Donny: the lyrics should now be correct. What everybody thought was "sacred priests" is actually "Hey Patrice", while the second line doesn't have "argue", which instead should be "harm you". The last line of the 1st verse doesn't tell about "the" sadness but "your" sadness, referring to Patrice.

In the second verse, they do not "sing" upon a course, which instead should be "sail". Finally, the last line is not about something that "land brings to our eyes". Instead, the "love" of which he sings "lends grace to our hearts". It's a song about oppression (Patrice

being subject to that) and how nobody looks deep enough to see what lies beneath the surface, but instead miss out on a lot of love and beauty, purely because of their ignorance of what lies within.

Hey Patrice don't cry  
they've no reason to harm you

at all  
they don't realise  
that the angels surround you with  
light  
they don't understand  
their narrow ways defeat them where  
they stand  
they don't realise  
you hide your sadness beneath a  
painted smile.

Ignorance,  
that line of fools steers a wayward  
path  
and set the course upon which we sail into the  
night of uncertainty.  
Following the stars  
that make their way across the  
sky  
valuing the love  
that lends grace to our hearts  
We sail...

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