

The Raincoats

"Don't Be Mean"

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I saw you out walking down Westbourne Grove
You caught my eye and your arm it rose
It rose in the sky, oh ever so high
But it wasn't, my dear, to wave to me
No, it was simply to hail a big black taxi
Which you jumped in as fast as you possibly could
Well you know, my dear, I'm not made of wood
And my name may be Birch dear, but I'm not a tree
And, yes, I can see you ignoring me

And I'm beginning to think
Though I'm open to sway

Even when we're old and grey
I think you might see me and look the other way
Just like you did only the other day

We'll sit in the park with our grandchildren dear
And you'll catch my eye and you shout: "come over
Here!"
But it won't be me that you're calling dear
It'll be your young Jimmy or Jenny or Jack
And, hah, one of us will have near heart attack
"Grandad, grandad, what's wrong with you"
"Why, oh, why are we rushing to the zoo"

"Shut up Jimmy, stop your talking
Grab my hand and keep on walking"

And I'm beginning to think
Though I'm open to sway

Even when we're old and grey
I think you might see me and simply look the other way
Just like you did only the other day

I know that you'll say this is all in my mind
And I'm prone to delusions
And things of that kind
Well now it's been well over a year
And there's no more time for shedding a tear

Yes you left and I behaved badly
But you know at that time
I loved you so madly

Don't be mean, don't be mean,
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Don't be mean, don't be mean

And I'm beginning to think
Though I'm open to sway

That even when we're old and grey
I think you might see me and look the other way
Just like you did only the other day

Goodbye dear
Goodbye

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