

## **Nick Cave & The Bad Seed "When I First Came To Town"**

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When I first came to town  
All the people gathered 'round  
They bought me drinks  
Oh, Lord, how quickly they changed their tune

When I first came to town  
People took me 'round from end to end  
Like someone may take 'round a friend  
Oh, how quickly they changed their tune

Suspicion and dark murmurs surround me  
Everywhere I go they confound me  
As though the blood on my hands  
Is there for every citizen to see

Oh, sweet Jesus  
There is no turning back  
There's always one more town  
A little further down the track

And from my window across the tracks  
I watch the juicers burn their fires  
And in that light their faces leer at me  
How I wish they'd just let me be

When I first came to town  
Their favors were for free  
'Cause now even the doors of the whores  
Of this town are closed to me

I search the mirror and I try to see  
I search the mirror and I try to see  
Why the people of this town  
Have washed their hands of me

Oh, sweet Jesus  
There is no turning back  
There's always one more town  
A little further down the track

Oh, Lord, every goddamn turn I take  
I fear the noose and I fear the stake

For there ain't a bone they did not break  
In all the towns I've been before

Well, those that sin against me are snuffed out  
I know that from every day that I live  
God-damn the day that I was born  
And the night that forced me from the womb

And goddamn this town for I am leaving now  
But one day I will return  
And the people of this town will surely see  
Just how quickly the tables turn

Oh, sweet Jesus  
This really is the end  
There's always one more town  
A little further 'round the end

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