

## **Nick Cave And The Bad Seeds**

### **"As I Sat Sadly By Her Side"**

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As I sat sadly by her side  
At the window, through the glass  
She stroked a kitten in her lap  
And we watched the world as it fell past

Softly she spoke these words to me  
With brand new eyes, open wide  
We pressed our faces to the glass  
As I sat sadly by her side

She said, father, mother, sister, brother  
Uncle, aunt and nephew, niece  
Soldier, sailor, physician, laborer  
Actor, scientist, mechanic, priest

Earth and moon and sun and stars  
And planets and comets with tails blazin'  
All are there forever fallin'  
Fallin' lovely and amazin'

Then she smiled and turned to me  
And waited for me to reply  
Her hair was fallin' down her shoulders  
As I sat sadly by her side

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The kitten she did gently pass  
Over to me and again we pressed  
Our different faces to the glass

That may be very well, I said  
But watch the one fallin' in the street  
See him gesture to his neighbors  
And see him trampled beneath their feet

All outward motion connects to nothin'  
For each is concerned with their immediate need  
Witness the man reachin' up from the gutter  
See the other one stumblin' on who can not see

With tremblin' hand I turned toward her  
And pushed the hair out of her eyes

The kitten jumped back to her lap  
As I sat sadly by her side

Then she drew the curtains down  
And said, oh, when will you ever learn?  
That what happens there beyond the glass  
Is simply none of your concern

God has given you but one heart  
You are not a home for the hearts of your brothers  
And God does not care for your benevolence  
Anymore than he cares for the lack of it in others

Nor does he care for you to sit  
At windows in judgment of the world He created  
While sorrows pile up around you  
Ugly, useless and over inflated

At which she turned her head away  
Great tears leapin' from her eyes  
I could not wipe the smile from my face  
As I sat sadly by her side

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