

Ed Hale "New Orleans Dreams"

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In the tunnels of our silence
In the bounds of our mistrust
I longed for your patience
And cried out for your lust
I've been looking for something
That could make me more aware
That you are truly someone
Who gets lonely who gets scared
In the confines of our love
I thought I saw solution
That cleared away the smoke
And pulled out our pollution
In the gutters of New Orleans
The children laid there crying
The dreams that they were living
Are crumpled up and dying
They are dying
The symphony has ended
The conductor has just left
And all that now remains
Is your blindness and your theft
The melodies are broken
And the music sounds so wrong
And now I know for certain
That this just can't go on
What is wrong?
Because you can't escape
From the all the things you've done
And all the wars you waged
Can now never be won
Your books should all be burned
Your head is being filled
With false and useless knowledge
That just might get you killed
Cause what you now desire
Is what you most regret
You think you know what's true
But then you're put to the test
And what is left
Of your new Orleans dreams
I have been the slave
And I've been the auctioneer

I have played the priest
And I've been the racketeer
But I have learned one thing
They're all one and the same
One man's freedom is another man's guilt
And another's chains
Of what remains
Because I know a secret
That I conceal down below
You try to act so cool
But I think you've lost control
And the bells they are ringing
So now what will you do
Will you slumber through the storm
Or will you walk right through
What will you do
The judge has robed and entered
And the court is now in session
The law has been laid down on you
And there's no chance to petition
You own the keys to unlock your prison
And baby when you go
Call on me cause I'll be waiting
Brother don't you know
I'll be waiting
In your New Orleans dreams

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