

Phil Ochs "Half a Century High"

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G C G

In the tube where I was born

C Bm

I could have sworn

C D

There was so much to see

C D

There was so little to be

G C G

But I was free

B7

World at my command

Em

Through the dots I ran

Am D G

Looking for a man who looked like me

Em D

And now it can be told

Em D

I'm a quarter of a century old

G F G F G

But I'm half a century high

In the tube where I was raised

I was amazed

On the pictures I would lean

That went flashing on the screen

Oh, I was dazed

But then my eyes were made

Hypnotized insane (?)

Buried in my brain

In a blinding blaze

And now it can be told

I'm a quarter of a century old

But I'm half a century high

In the tube where I was grown

I was alone

The figure on the floor (Laying on the floor)

The dream behind the door (I'd lock the closet door)

The sound was low

Ballgames on the street

Disappeared behind my feet
Out of breath my heart would be
To see another show
And now it can be told
I'm a quarter of a century old
But I'm half a century high

In the tube where I was made
I was afraid
Spinning through the space
Another scene, another face,
Another shade
Mirror of my mind
On electric wheels of wine
Living on the lines that were displayed
And now it can be told
I'm a quarter of a century old
But I'm half a century high

In the tube where I was fed
I lost my head
I watch the lives they led
Watch them to the end
And then again
An open kind of laugh
I gave all the mind I had
And whenever I was sad
I had my friends
And now it can be told
I'm a quarter of a century old
But I'm half a century high

In the tube where I was killed
I was fulfilled
Such an easy way to win
Talking to my twin
No sign of sin
The sacrifice was small
Fascination was the fall
I was extended by the wall that held me in
And now it can be told
I'm a quarter of a century old
But I'm half a century high

In the tube where I was killed
I was fulfilled
The lies of light would bend
I'd stare until the end
And then again
Faded and the fad
I gave all the mind I had

And whenever I was sad
I had my friends
And now it can be told
I'm a quarter of a century old
But I'm half a century high

In the tube where I was born
I could have sworn
There was so much to see
There was so little to be
But I was free
World at my command
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