

## Al Stewart

### "A League Of Notions"

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I'm here sitting in the wreck of Europe  
With a map of Europe  
Spread out in a hall of Versailles  
And every single nationality and principality  
have come for a piece of the pie

I'm sitting in the wreck of Europe  
With a map of Europe  
And the lines and the borders are gone  
We've got to do this jigsaw puzzle  
It's an awful muddle  
But somehow we've got to go on

Lawrence of Arabia is waiting in the wings  
He's got some Arab sheikhs and kings  
And we're in debt to them somehow  
Lawrence of Arabia has got this perfect vision  
Gonna sell him down the river  
There's no time for him now

I think I'm gonna take a piece of Russia  
And a Piece of Germany  
And give them to Poland again  
I'll put together Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia  
And hope that is how they'll remain

Then I'll take a bit of Turkey  
Then a lot of Turkey  
This is all quite a heady affair  
There's Persia and Iraq to pick up  
And there's Churchill's hiccup  
And we can't leave it up in the air

Woodrow Wilson waves his fourteen points around  
And says "The time to act is now  
Won't get this opportunity again"  
Woodrow Wilson has his fourteen points  
But Clemenceau turns to Lloyd George  
And says "You know that  
God himself had only ten"

Today I'm carried by a league of notions  
(It's a league of notions)  
By a league of notions  
I don't think I quite understand  
(I don't think I understand)  
I only know from this commotion  
(From this commotion)  
There's a chance that we could turn  
The world in the palm of our hands  
(We can turn the world in the palm of our hands)

Voices in the corridors of power  
Candles burning hour by hour  
Still you know that to the victors go the spoils  
Such a great responsibility to make it fair  
And there must be some reparations now  
And don't forget the oil

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Pax vobiscum  
Wo-Oh, Pax vobiscum

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