

## Si\*Sé

### "Roots"

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Now it's been 25 years or more  
I've roamed this land from shore to shore  
From Tyne to Teign, or Severn to Thames  
From moor to vale, from peak to fen

Played in cafes, pubs and bars  
I've stood in the street with my own guitar  
But I'd be richer than all the rest  
If I had a pound for each request

For 'Duelling Banjos', 'American Pie'  
It's enough to make you cry  
'Rule Britannia', or 'Swing low...'  
Are they the only songs we English know?

Seed, bark, flower, fruit  
They're never gonna grow without their roots  
Branch, stem, shoot  
They need roots

After the speeches, when the cake's been cut  
The disco's over and the bar is shut  
At christening, birthday, wedding or wake  
What can we sing 'til the morning breaks

When the Indians, Asians, Afro-Celts  
It's in their blood, below their belt  
They're playing and dancing all night long  
So what have they got right that we've got wrong?

Seed, bark, flower, fruit  
They're never gonna grow without their roots  
Branch, stem, shoot  
They need roots and

Haul away boys, let them go  
Out in the wind and the rain and snow  
We've lost more than we'll ever know  
'Round the rocky shores of England  
We need roots

And a minister said his vision of hell  
Is three folk singers in a pub near Wales  
Well, I've got a vision of urban sprawl  
There's pubs where no-one ever sings at all

And everyone stares at a great big screen  
Overpaid soccer stars, prancing teens  
Australian soap, American rap  
Estuary English, baseball caps

And we learn to be ashamed before we walk  
Of the way we look, and the way we talk  
Without our stories or our songs

How will we know where we come from?  
I've lost St. George and the Union Jack  
That's my flag too and I want it back

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