

The Who

"Cry If You Want"

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Once it was just innocence
Brash ideas and insolence
But you will never get away
With the things you say today

But you can cry if you want

Don't you get embarrassed when you read the precious
things you said
Many, many years ago when life appeared rosy red
No one ever shared your bed
Nothing ever filled your head
Except yourself and little Ted
And scary dreams that you were dead.
Don't you want to hide your face
When going through your teenage books
And read the kind of crap you wrote
About "Ban the Bomb" and city crooks
Think about how long it took
To get over that sudden "Yuk"
When in the mirror you did look
Well now my son you're well in stook

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Didn't you writhe in anger when you saw the man in his
big car
Didn't you drive a banger and a gallon didn't get you
far
Should have been a famous star
But that ain't what you really are
You could shout your last hurrah
While they are propping up the bar
Maybe things were better then
Before you led a promised life
Rash commitments, heavy raps and left wing spiel all
compromised
You fall in love with other's wives

Drive 'em nuts with empty lies
Angry 'cos you lost the prize
Forgot the color of their eyes.

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Let your tears flow, let your past go
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Don't you get embarrassed when you think about the
way you were
Yesterday, the day before when you were young with
much to learn
Aren't you glad it's your last term
No more acting lowly worm
You can make the suckers squirm
When you tell them how much you earn
Don't you feel ashamed at all the bitterness you feel
inside
Does your ego save your face "I had a go - I really
tried"
Now you know your leaders lied
Does it stop you acting snide
Or are you still a boy that cried
Tears now surely long since dried.

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