

## Shriekback

### "James Dale"

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JAMES DALE  
In Belfast 1924  
He has to leave home  
Working on a merchant ship  
Waiting just to jump ship, yeah  
Out of the cane fields  
The summer 1926  
The boy's only sixteen  
How's he gonna start his dreams?  
Chorus  
Mind and soul, they're gone stale  
And is that all there is to it  
James Dale  
They fell in love in 1938  
Their first child and a World War  
He's leaving home in a uniform  
How's he gonna start his dreams?  
Yeah  
Chorus  
Love of life, it's gone stale  
Blood runs deep like gold  
James Dale  
I can see you now  
(see you now)  
Photograph of a dog and a rusty car  
I can see you now  
(see you now)  
Your sunburnt face, your back against the wall  
Mind and soul, they're gone stale  
Is that all there is to it  
James Dale  
Love of life, it's gone stale  
Blood runs deep like gold  
James Dale, James Dale

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