

Kinks, The

"Once A Thief"

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So you've decided to set me free, I've paid my debt to
society
Fresh out of jail trying to make a new start
On the street with a bitter heart but my past keeps on
haunting me
There ain't no chance for a man with my history

Once a thief, always a suspect
Once a liar, never be believed
Will they ever forget that I was once a thief?

(Once a thief, always a suspect)
Once a thief, always a suspect
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Will they ever forget that I was once a thief?

I was out in the cold, I was soaked to the skin
I needed a home and your heart took me in
Then I heard all the lies and I lost my belief
You threw away my hope and you called me a thief

So you've decided to set me free
I'm out of jail but you've still got the key
There was a time when I thought you respected me
But somehow you always suspected me

Once a thief, always a suspect
Once a liar, never be believed
Will he ever forget that I was once a thief?

Instead of offering me charity
You should've tried to put some faith in me
Instead of making me a better man
You kept reminding me of what I am

Instead of offering me charity
You should've tried to put some faith in me
How many years must a criminal pay?
Until he's old and his hair turns to gray
You smile at me but I know underneath
You're thinking once a thief always a suspect

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Will they ever forget that I was once a thief?
Once a thief

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