If beauty is an ecstasy and anger keeps you poor A hungry man is never free, a rich man never cured Things were never what they used to be

Now every crowd has its silver lining, we all got stuff to sell And you may live your life so bitter, but you remember it so we ll

Things were never what they used to be

For all the folks who can run the world, drive cabs or cut your hair

And the sun may set without your help, but you're beautiful peo ple to me

You may fall before you're pushed, but it's beautiful people I see

If you only see the stars when it's dark, that's enough for me An empty soul with a full opinion is beautiful people to me

It's all the same in different hats, the proof of the missing link

A nation talking to itself and none of us can think Things were never what they used to be

For a silent fool may still be wise, there's no way you can tel

And the captain more scared than his crew is beautiful people to me

The finest government you could buy is beautiful people I see If you live five to one against it's good enough for me

Can't use two steps to cross a canyon, you're beautiful people to me

If you don't see the same trees I see, you're beautiful people to me

Make deserts bloom and oceans die, just beautiful people to me If you're lost and dying of civilization, that's enough for me

If you believe your own blind eye, you're beautiful people to me

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