Foot of Pride

Bob Dylan

Like the lion tears the flesh off of a man So can a woman who passes herself off as a male They sang "Danny Boy" at his funeral and the Lord's Prayer Preacher talking 'bout Christ betrayed It's like the earth just opened and swallowed him up He reached too high, was thrown back to the ground You know what they say about bein' nice to the right people on the way up Sooner or later you gonna meet them comin' down Well, there ain't no goin' back when your foot of pride come down Ain't no goin' back Hear ya got a brother named James, don't forget faces or names Sunken cheeks and his blood is mixed He looked straight into the sun and said revenge is mine But he drinks, and drinks can be fixed Sing me one more song, about ya love me to the moon and the stranger And your fall by the sword love affair with Erroll Flynn in these times of compassion when conformity's in fashion Say one more stupid thing to me before the final nail is driven in. Well, there ain't no goin' back when your foot of pride come down Ain't no goin' back There's a retired businessman named Red, cast down from heaven and he's out of his head He feeds off of everyone that he can touch He said he only deals in cash or sells tickets to a plane crash He's not somebody that you play around with much Miss Delilah is his, a Philistine is what she is She'll do wondrous works with your fate Feed you coconut bread, spice buns in your bed If you don't mind sleepin' with your head face down in a grave. Well, there ain't no goin' back when your foot of pride come down Ain't no goin' back Well they'll choose a man for you to meet tonight You'll play the fool and learn how to walk through doors How to enter into the gates of paradise No, how to carry a burden too heavy to be yours Yeah, from the stage they'll be tryin' to get water outta rocks A whore will pass the hat, collect a hundred grand and say thanks They like to take all this money from sin, build big universities to study i Sing "Amazing Grace" all the way to the Swiss banks Well, there ain't no goin' back when your foot of pride come down Ain't no goin' back They got some beautiful people out there, man They can be a terror to your mind and show you how to hold your tongue They got mystery written all over their forehead They kill babies in the crib and say only the good die young They don't believe in mercy Judgment on them is something that you'll never see

They can exalt you up or bring you down main route

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Yes, I guess I loved him too I can still see him in my mind climbin' that hill Did he make it to the top, well he probably did and dropped Struck down by the strength of the will Ain't nothin' left here partner, just the dust of a plague that has left thi s whole town afraid From now on, this'll be where you're from Let the dead bury the dead. Your time will come Let hot iron blow as he raised the shade

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