Well my soul checked out missing as I sat listening To the hours and minutes ticking away Yeah just sitting around waiting for my life to begin While it was all just slipping away

I'm tired of waiting for tomorrow to come Or that train to come roaring round the bend I got a new suit of clothes a pretty red rose And a woman I can call my friend

- R: These are better days baby
 Yeah there's better days shining through
 These are better days baby
 Better days with a girl like you
- 2. Well I took a piss at fortune's sweet kiss It's like eating caviar and dirt It's sad funny ending to find yourself pretending A rich man in a poor man's shirt

Now my ass was dragging when from a passing gypsy wagon Your heart like a diamond shone Tonight I'm laying in your arms carving lucky charms Out of these hard luck bones

- R1: These are better days baby
 These are better days it's true
 These are better days
 There's better days shining through
- 3. Now a life of leisure and a pirate's treasure Don't make much for tragedy But it's a sad man my friend who's living in his own skin And can't stand the company

Every fool's got a reason for feeling sorry for himself And turning his heart to stone Tonight this fool's halfway to heaven and just a mile outta hell And I feel like I'm coming home

R: These are better days baby...

R1: These are better days baby...