

Ballad of the Times

Everything But the Girl

Narrow streets breed narrow minds and
Care for king but not for kind
It's a short hop to a long weekend
When every move you apprehend

You'll never find room to find your feet
To walk out of this avenue
Your pockets are lined with promises
When did a promise ever pay for shoes?

Counting coal trucks by the line
And raise your glasses one more time
'Cause Billy has gone off to war
And God knows what he's fighting for

But wartime will make him a man
Work that no one see, if you can
A hero's grave is six feet deep not
Room enough for all his plans

She can scrub the step but if he'll never gleam
If he did, she'd smash the dream
And they've held the world too long
Dreams are what you wake up from

Father was a fighter too
The only way to jump the queue
Boxing clever, times were tough
But will that ever be enough?

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