

Memphis

Joe Jackson

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I got to get away, study my geography
I'm just a shadow of the boy I used to be
I used to see the light, now it's all a mystery
I used to feel the beat, now I feel a million miles from...

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I used dirty words never too excessively
But saying "rock'n'roll" never seemed so bad to me
I once said it in hip and happy company
I was in and out in a second on my way to...

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Memphis - So where the hell is Memphis?

I had a one-way ticket and a little radio
I turned it on, heard the sound from twenty years ago
Somebody smiled and said, that's the only way to go
He died at twenty-one, now nobody's innocent in...

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Somebody turned around, said, I got to disagree
He wrote that sort of turn people out to anarchy
He made them think about Marlon Brando on TV
I guess they still went down against anything they got in...

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I met a wise old man, he had longer hair than me
He said, Memphis is nothing like it used to be
A hundred dead guitarists lying in the cemetery
I felt a sudden chill, now I'm not so sure about...

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I'm on a lonesome train on a lonesome track
I think I'll jump right off, head for home, double back
And though I'm better now I know that no-one knows the facts
I'm gonna start again, forget I ever heard about...

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