

# Where Do We Go Now but Nowhere?

Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds

I remember a girl so very well  
The carnival drums all mad in the air  
Grim reapers and skeletons and a missionary bell  
O where do we go now but nowhere

In a colonial hotel we fucked up the sun  
And then we fucked it down again  
Well the sun comes up and the sun goes down  
Going round and round to nowhere

The kitten that padded and purred on my lap  
Now swipes at my face with the paw of a bear  
I turn the other cheek and you lay into that  
O where do we go now but nowhere

O wake up, my love, my lover wake up  
O wake up, my love, my lover wake up

Across clinical benches with nothing to talk  
Breathing tea and biscuits and the serenity prayer  
While the bones of our child crumble like chalk  
O where do we go now but nowhere

I remember a girl so bold and so bright  
Loose-limbed and laughing and brazen and bare  
Sits gnawing her knuckles in the chemical light  
O where do we go now but nowhere

You come for me now with a cake that you've made  
Ravaged avenger with a clip in your hair  
Full of glass and bleach and my old razorblades  
O where do we go now but nowhere

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If they'd give me my clothes back then I could go home  
From this fresh, this clean, antiseptic air  
Behind the locked gates an old donkey moans  
O where do we go now but nowhere

Around the duck pond we grimly moped  
Gloomily and mournfully we go rounds again  
And one more doomed time and without much hope  
Going round and around to nowhere

From the balcony we watched the carnival band  
The crack of the drum a little child did scare  
I can still feel his tiny fingers pressed in my hand  
O where do we go now but nowhere

If I could relive one day of my life  
If I could relive just a single one  
You on the balcony, my future wife  
O who could have known, but no one

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