## 36 Inches High

## **Nick Lowe**

Once I was a soldier
I rode on a big white horse
Silver pistols at my side
Carryin' the flags of war

And I lost track of the men who fell In the canon's roar I never got over bein' a soldier

Once I was a tax man
Collectin' dollars and dimes
I heard the rich man grumble
I heard the poor man cry

Some few couldn't afford to pay Were put to a shackle and key I never got over bein' a tax man

Once I was a ruler About twelve inches long Three times me made a yardstick 36 inches high

36 inches high was I 36 inches high I never got over 36 inches high