

Stride of the Mind

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I took a walk out to the sun
But I just, just couldn't take it
I followed a dream, it was circular
But I just, just could not fake it

Step to the left, the left, the left
Step to the right, the right, the right
Pick up the sign, the sign, the sign
For a stride of the mind, the mind, the mind

Simon of the desert blew into town
The scalding tail of a bright cold wind
Slipped through the sand, footprints emerged
Where no one was walking, Simon had been

Dropped from heaven to a readymade world
Says I'm no Sufi but I'll give it a whirl
We booked passage on the book of the dead
Time to travel, Simon said

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Come on move, where dreams increase
Where every man is a masterpiece
If you want to be counted as another kind
And you're true, pursue

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He bowed three times, removed his fez
Pointed to heaven and Simon says

The mind, the mind, the mind
Pick up the sign, the mind, the mind
It's a vertical climb, the climb, the climb
Stride of the mind, the mind, the mind

Pick up the sign, the sign, the sign
It's a vertical climb, the climb, the climb
Take it in stride