

## Slit Skirts

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I was just thirty-four years old and I was still wandering in a haze  
I was wondering why everyone I met seemed like they were  
Lost in a maze

I don't know why I thought I should have some kind of  
Divine right to the blues  
It's sympathy not tears people need when they're the  
Front page sad news.

The incense burned away and the stench began to rise  
And lovers now estranged avoided catching each others' eyes

And girls who lost their children cursed the men who fit the coil  
And men not fit for marriage took their refuge in the oil  
No one respects the flame quite like the fool who's badly burned  
From all this you'd imagine that there must be something learned

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I don't ever wear no ripped shirts  
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Let me tell you some more about myself, you know I'm sitting at home just no  
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The big events of the day are passed and the late TV shows have come around.

I'm number one in the home team, but I still feel unfulfilled.  
A silent voice in her broken heart complaining that I'm unskilled.

And I know that when she thinks of me, she thinks of me as him,  
But, unlike me, she don't work off her frustration in the gym.

Recriminations fester and the past can never change  
A woman's expectations run from both ends of the range

Once she walked with untamed lovers' face between her legs  
Now he's cooled and stifled and it's she who has to beg

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