

## For The Sake Of Mary

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For the sake of Mary I kicked the reds  
Junked the juice, drink coffee instead  
Straightened my teeth, bent my back  
Cut my friends dead from the old rat pack  
For Mary

She bought me this silk suit, watch and chain  
She put the rhythm in my stride again  
She showed me the way to make her feel good  
If I could do more then I surely would  
For Mary

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For the sake of Mary I do what I can  
She still don't trust me to be her man  
I say the right thing but my timing's bad  
She thinks I'm like the rest, but I'm the best she's ever had

For the sake of Mary  
I was cook first class on the Belfast be  
But when she sailed she sailed without me  
In Needle Pete's got my last tattoo  
In bleeding letters of red and blue

For Mary  
For the sake of Mary I changed my drift  
Got a good job on the graveyard shift  
She set her heart on a pretty little place  
I want to see the tears of joy on her face

For Mary  
For the sake of Mary I keep the flame  
I don't want to be the villain again  
She's had her bad times and it's shook her about  
I don't want to take the easy way out

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