

Arthur was born just a plain simple man  
In a plain simple working class position  
Though the world was hard and its ways were set  
He was young and he had so much ambition  
All the way he was overtaken  
By the people who make the big decisions  
But he tried and he tried for a better life  
And a way to improve his own condition  
If only life were easy it would be such fun  
Things would be more equal and be plenty for everyone  
Arthur the world's gone and passed you by  
Don't you know it, don't you know it  
You can cry, cry all night but it won't make it right  
Don't ya know it, don't ya know it

Arthur we know and we sympathize  
Don't ya know it, don't ya know it  
Arthur we like you and want to help you  
Somebody loves you don't you know it

How is your life and your Shangri-la  
And your long lost land of Hallelujah  
And your hope and glory has passed you by  
Can't you see what the world is doing to ya  
And now we see your children  
Sailing off in the setting sun  
To a new horizon  
Where there's plenty for everyone  
Arthur, could be  
That the world was wrong  
Don't ya know it, don't ya know it  
Arthur, could be  
You were right all along  
Don't ya know it, I hope ya know it  
Now we know and we sympathize  
We'd like to help you and understand you  
Don't ya know it, don't ya know it  
Somebody loves you, don't ya know it  
Don't ya know it, don't ya know it

Arthur the world's gone and passed you by  
Don't ya know it, don't ya know it  
You can cry, cry all night  
But it won't make it right  
Don't ya know it, don't ya know it  
Arthur we read you and understand you  
Arthur we like you and want to help you  
Oh! we love you and want to help you