

Did You See His Name?

The Kinks

Did you see his name in the local paper,
Stole a tin of beans,
From a cut-priced grocery store.
The judge said he must pay,
So he put him on probation,
And the paper gave his name.

Did you see his name in the criminal section,
And the center page.
Gave his name and his address,
They stopped him doing it again,
So they put him to dishonour,
And put the man to shame.

He lost his little job,
His employer was absolved of blame.
His world just crumbled down,
Incidentally, did you see his name,
In the obituary column,
Letters edged in black.
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