No One Was Like Vermeer

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Back in the days of old Rembrandt

Back in the time of Jan Steen

All of them giants of shadow and light

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Some paintings smell of joy and sweat

Some paintings plain look so fine

And some are sad and passionate

But Vermeer sends a chill up your spine

Yeah Vermeer sends a chill up your spine

Vermeer was eerie

Vermeer was strange

He had his own color range

As if born in a more modern age

They may be oh a hundred or so years ago

What's this a ghost in the gallery

Great Scot the Martians are here

Why are his paintings so unlike the others

Unlike the other ones so near

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