Kids are spittin' on the Town Hall steps and frightenin' old ladies I dreamt that I was livin' back in the mid 1980s

People marchin', people shoutin', people wearin' pastel leather

The future's ours for the takin' now, if we just stick together

And I said
"Hey, lay your burden down
Seems the last day of the miners' strike
Was the Magna Carta in this part of town"

Well, my body sank below the ground, it became as black as night Overhead the sound of horses' hooves, people fightin' for their lives Some joker in a headband was still gettin' chicks for free And Big Brother was still watching you, back in the days of '83

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Well by 1985, I was as cold as cold could be But no one's underground to dig me out and set me free '87 socialism gave way to socialisin' So put your hands up in the air once more, the north is risin'

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Ah, sing Hallelujah Ah, sing Hallelujah Don't let them fool you again Ah, sing Hallelujah, ahh

By now I'm sick and tired
Of just living in this hole
So I took the ancient tablets, blew off the dust
Swallowed them whole

Oh, come on, let's get together Oh, come on, the past is gone Well, the very first commandment Come on, come on

Let's get it on Come on, let's get it on Get it on Ah, get it on

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