They tried to lose us in the hype of fortune and fame We've got them to thank and only us to blame Now the joker is dealing 'cause the king went blind We're stayin' out of the shuffle with an axe to grind We're out of the shuffle with an axe to grind

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Something we're not is what plenty of us were We've got houses and cars and people callin' us sir I'd like to give it all up and leave it behind And join a nameless bunch of pickers with an axe to grind A nameless bunch of pickers with an axe to grind

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They say our songs are simple and a little too wordy A little bit fast and a little too dirty You don't make it down the track without any ties But we've made it this far with just an axe to grind

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