

# Castle Island

Tom Robinson

Where the sun lights up still waters in the harbour  
And where hungry eyes once stared out to the sea  
Yes it's there that I'll come home, across the dancing foam  
And once again I'll walk on Castle Island

I remember years ago the place seemed quieter  
The rain fell softer still, the moon shone brighter  
Maybe memory plays its' games, and the beauty's still the same  
As when I took my first steps on Castle Island

I smiled as I walked up past the old ballroom  
Where in sharp creased suits we'd laugh and dance till dawn  
And when Mary said 'I will' my heart with joy was filled  
But we cried as we sailed out from Castle Island

The city that we came to was a stranger  
Where neighbours passed you by without a word  
The work we did was hard and filled with danger  
Never found the promised land of which we'd heard

We met up with fellow souls who'd left the old place  
And we'd drown our dreams in pints and whiskeys smooth  
And when Liam would sing a song, we'd be carried all along  
Transported through the tune to Castle Island

Now the years lie heavy on my aching shoulders  
And my weary bones cry out for rest at last  
When the circle is complete, the good earth will taste so sweet

As they lay me down to sleep on Castle Island  
With my own folk I shall sleep 'neath Castle Island