

How Can a Poor Man Stand Such Times and Live

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The shops where filled with things that I could buy
But the prices up them all the guns got high
Don't suppose they're gonna drop
Gotta get used to the charity shop
Just tell me how can poor men
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Seems like only yesterday food was so cheap
Now the cost of... goes up every week
So you search for the best deeds
Have to miss out on some leaves
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Get that first foot on the ladder they all say
They know there's no way
Ain't no bank that's gonna lend
They got bonuses to spend
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Comfort house is something I would never get
Put my name down on the list I'm waiting yet
So I'm renting my... landlords profiting on me
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Getting round is getting harder everyday
Used to drive a car but lately there's no way
Trains are only for the rich
And the buses are the rich
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And the doctors don't' come out no more at night
They won't treat you if the think you don't live right
Well they privatize the rest
Soon there'll be no energies
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Keeping war is something poor folks cannot do
Cause the oilmen need to drive a yacht nor too
The companies may go as the pensioners may come
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