

Newtown Boy

In '56 we moved away from the East End streets where the children played
 And the Sunday trips to my Grandad's grave
 To the town where I was born.
 We were part of the chosen few with an upstairs bath and an inside loo
 And 'there's so much more for the kids to do' In the town where I was born

Newtown Boy, Newtown Boy,
 Growing up amongst the concrete blocks
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 You won't find your roots in a window box.

In '64 I went to school and I learned to read,
 I was no'one's fool
 But I almost drowned in the swimming pool
 In the town where I was born
 Listen Mum, it was Dinger Bell and he almost
 stole my bike as well
 But I told him he could go to hell In the town where I was born



My Dad he taught me wrong from right and he showed me how to win a fight
 It was handy on the streets at night
 In the town where I was born
 But he couldn't tell me how to feel when Mum left home and said that she'll
 Promise to keep her part of the deal In the town where I was born

I was twelve years old when she moved away, why she had to go no-one would
 say
 But she called us nearly every day
 In the town where I was born
 Jen said 'look it's the way things go, you should act your age, don't let it show,
 It's the same for everyone we know in the town where I was born

I grew up in a TV dream with the Z cars tune and the Crossroads theme
 All the police like Dixon of Dock Green
 In the town where I was born
 But the colours came in black and white and the hero's always made things
 right
 They just kept their feelings out of sight In the town where I was born

Stumbling through the teenage years with the sleepless nights and the endless
 beers,
 Anything to try and drown the fears, in the town where I was born
 But the thing that scares us most of all is not the writing on the wall
 It's wondering if it's there at all
 In the town where I was born

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