

MATCHSTALK MEN AND MATCHSTALK CATS AND DOGS

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He [G] painted Salford's smokey tops
On cardboard boxes from the shops
And [E7] parts of Ancoats where I used to [Am] play
I'm [C] sure he once walked down our street
Cause he [G] painted kids who had nowt on their feet
The [D7] clothes we wore had all seen better [G///] days. [G//]
Now they [G] said his works of art were dull
No room, all round the walls were full
But [E7] Lowry didn't care much any [Am] way.
They [C] said he just paints cats and dogs
And [G] matchstalk men in boots and clogs
And [D7] Lowry said that's just the way they'll [G///] stay. [D7]

And he painted [G] matchstalk men
And matchstalk cats and [Am] dogs.
He painted [D7] kids on the corner of the street
With the sparking [G] clogs
Now he [G] takes his brush and he waits
Out-[Am]-side them factory gates
To paint his [D7] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats
and [G///] dogs. [G//]

Now [G] canvas and brushes were wearing thin,
When London started calling him
To [E7] come on down and wear the old flat [Am] cap
They said [C] tell us all about your ways
And [G] all about them Salford days
Is it [D7] true you're just an ordinary [G///] chap. [D7]

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Now [G] Lowries hang upon the wall
Beside the greatest of them all
[E7] Even the Mona Lisa takes a [Am] bow
This [C] tired old man with hair like snow
Told [G] northern folk it's time to go
The [D7] fever came and the Good Lord mopped his [G///] brow. [D7]

And he left us [G] matchstalk men
And matchstalk cats and [Am] dogs.
He left us [D7] kids on the corner of the street
With the sparking [G] clogs
Now he [G] takes his brush and he waits
Out-[Am]-side them pearly gates
To paint his [D7] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats
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