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A Quiet Life

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MONTY

All I want, right now, is a little place
Far away from all this mad rat race,
Somewhere free of trouble and strife.

See, I'm damned if I do, and I'm damned if I don't,
Wanna make my mark which of course I won't.
All I want right now is just a quiet life.

But let me tell you something:
It's a right old merry-go-round.
When you have to occupy the sticky middle ground.
Oh, the piggy in the middle, the man who meditates.
He ends up being the one who ev'rybody really hates.

Well, I served my king and country in the war,
It was 'ard but we knew what we was all fightin' for.
Back in them days, men were men and your word was your word.

Well, I've ducked and I've dived and I'm barely just surviving.
I spent all my life for the most part largely skiving,
And along the way my boundaries got blurred.

So let me tell you something:
It's a right old merry-go-round.
When you have to occupy the sticky middle ground.

When you're stuck between a rock, and a very hard place.
Where ev'rybody wants to simply punch you in the face.
Well, I'm damned if I do, and I'm damned if I don't,
Wanna make my mark which of course I won't.
All the grief that I get here cuts like a knife.

But the troubles here, they never cease
All I want is a sweet release.
Somewhere free of this trouble and strife,
The grief I get here cuts like a knife.
Trust me on my father's life, all I want's a quiet life.

ALL

'E did his best.

MONTY

I did my best.

ALL

Give it a rest.

MONTY

Give me a rest!

ALL

Just calm it down.

MONTY

Just gimme five minutes peace.

ALL

Looks like a clown.

MONTY

I've heard all this before.

ALL

He gets the jist.

MONTY

Just let me clock in and clock out.

ALL

Don't get your knickers in a twist.

MONTY

Take a run and jump and

MONTY and ALL

Sling your hook,

On your bike,

MONTY

Pack your bags, and

MONTY and ALL

let me have a quiet life.