

**Noo ye ken.**

**After we've come to terms with our elders' feet of clay, and the loss of the certainties of childhood and youth, maybe we're more open to less obvious "truths."**

**Dae ye mind back in yer youth,  
Hoo different was lees an truth?  
    Innocent though you were then,  
    Noo ye ken, noo ye ken.**

**D'ye mind hoo faither's word was law?  
He was sae strict an strong an aw.  
    Innocent though you were then,  
    Noo ye ken, noo ye ken.**

**D'ye mind yer mother's gentle touch?  
Hoo heaven's angels must be such?  
    Innocent though you were then,  
    Noo ye ken, noo ye ken.**

**The Queen doon sooth, an God in heaven;  
British fair play, an decent livin.  
    Innocent though you were then,  
    Noo ye ken, noo ye ken.**

**An then the pals that stood thegither,  
An vowed as yin life's storms tae weather.  
    Innocent ye still were then,  
    But noo ye ken, noo ye ken.**

**Thon girl ye swore for you was made,  
Whaes sweet fond smile wuid never fade.  
    Innocent; aye, even then.  
    But noo ye ken, noo ye ken.**

**But as for truth, it still surprises,  
An comes in mony strange disguises.  
    An what ye huvnae learnt since then,  
    Some day ye'll ken, some day ye'll ken.**

**(Words and tune original.)**