

PAYMENT

Words: Mervyn Thompson

Mervyn Thompson has indicated his debt to John Caselberg's "Maori is My Name" for some of the phrases in this song, and that it can be sung as either sad lament or bitter protest. Musically, I've always favoured the first interpretation although there's no mistaking the recrimination of the lyrics if they are directed towards an audience.

(♩ = 72)

The pay-ment that you make me will
leath-er belts will per-ish Your

soon pots come to an end holes The blan-kets will wear out Rust-ed comes
The pay-ment you have made me comes

adz-es will not mend The pay-ment that you make me will soon go up in
back to you in souls

smoke A to-bacco scrawl in the sky writes out the joke Your

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