

MATCHSTALK MEN AND MATCHSTALK CATS AND DOGS -

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He [C] painted Salford's smokey tops
On [Am] cardboard boxes from the shops
And [A] parts of Ancoats [A7] where I used to [Dm] play
I'm [F] sure he once walked down our street
'Cause he [C] painted kids who had nowt on their feet
The [G] clothes we wore had all seen better [C] days. (stop)

[C] Now they said his works of art were dull,
No [Am] room, all 'round, the walls were full,
But [A] Lowry didn't [A7] care much any [Dm] way,
They [F] said he just paints cats and dogs
And [C] Matchstalk men in boots and clogs
And [G] Lowry said "that's just the way they'll [C] stay". [G]

And he painted [C] Matchstalk men and Matchstalk cats and [F] dogs,
He painted [G] kids on the corner of the street that were sparking [C] clogs, [G]
Now he [C] takes his brush, and he waits, out-[F]side them factory gates
To paint his [G] Matchstalk men and Matchstalk cats and [C] dogs.

[C] Now canvas and brushes were wearing thin
when [Am] London started calling him
To [A] come on down and [A7] wear the old flat [Dm] cap,
They said [F] "tell us all about your ways, and all a[C]bout them Salford days
Is it [G] true you're just an ordinary [C] chap?" [G]

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To paint his [G] Matchstalk men and Matchstalk cats and [C] dogs.

Now [C] Lowry's hang upon the [Am] wall be-[F]side the greatest of them all
And [A] even the [A7] Mona Lisa takes a [Dm] bow,
This [F] tired old man with hair like snow told [C] northern folk it's time to go,
The [G] fever came and the good Lord mopped his [C] brow. [G]

And he left us [C] Matchstalk men and Matchstalk cats and [F] dogs,
He left us [G] kids on the corner of the street that were sparking [C] clogs, [G]
Now he [C] takes his brush and he waits, out-[F]side them pearly gates
To paint his [G] Matchstalk men and Matchstalk cats and [C] dogs. [D]

(KEY CHANGE)

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