

MY BACK PAGES

(Words and Music by Bob Dylan)

[This is The Byrds' arrangement. Lyrics provided by Roger McGuinn in a post from alt.music.byrds. Comments in brackets by the current poster.]

Intro: **E Esus4** (repeat 4 times)

E **C#m** **G#m**
CRIMSON FLAMES TIED THROUGH MY EARS
A **B** **E**
ROLLIN' HIGH AND MIGHTY TRAPS
E **C#m** **G#m**
POUNCED WITH FIRE ON FLAMING ROADS
A **B**
USING IDEAS AS MY MAPS
C#m **G#m**
"WE'LL MEET ON EDGES, SOON," SAID I
A **B**
PROUD 'NEATH HEATED BROW.
E **A** **E**
AH, BUT I WAS SO MUCH OLDER THEN,
A **B** **E** (intro riff twice)
I'M YOUNGER THAN THAT NOW.

HALF-WRACKED PREJUDICE LEAPED FORTH
"RIP DOWN ALL HATE," I SCREAMED
LIES THAT LIFE IS BLACK AND WHITE
SPOKE FROM MY SKULL. I DREAMED
ROMANTIC FACTS [FLANKS] OF MUSKETEERS
FOUNDATIONED DEEP, SOMEHOW.
AH, BUT I WAS SO MUCH OLDER THEN,
I'M YOUNGER THAN THAT NOW.

[The next two verses were left out by the byrds]

GIRLS' FACES FORMED THE FORWARD PATH
FROM PHONY JEALOUSY
TO MEMORIZING POLITICS
OF ANCIENT HISTORY
FLUNG DOWN BY CORPSE EVANGELISTS
UNTHOUGHT OF, THOUGH, SOMEHOW.
AH, BUT I WAS SO MUCH OLDER THEN, I'M YOUNGER THAN THAT NOW.

A SELF-ORDAINED PROFESSOR'S TONGUE
TOO SERIOUS TO FOOL
SPOUTED OUT THAT LIBERTY
IS JUST EQUALITY IN SCHOOL
"EQUALITY," I SPOKE THE WORD
AS IF A WEDDING VOW.
AH, BUT I WAS SO MUCH OLDER THEN,
I'M YOUNGER THAN THAT NOW. [The Byrds pick it up here]
IN A SOLDIER'S STANCE, I AIMED MY HAND
AT THE MONGREL DOGS WHO TEACH
FEARING NOT THAT I'D BECOME MY ENEMY
IN THE INSTANT THAT I PREACH
MY PATHWAY LED [SISTERS FLED] BY CONFUSION BOATS
MUTINY FROM STERN TO BOW.
AH, BUT I WAS SO MUCH OLDER THEN,
I'M YOUNGER THAN THAT NOW.
[12-STRING GUITAR SOLO FOLLOWED BY THE REFRAIN]
YES, MY GUARD STOOD HARD WHEN ABSTRACT THREATS
TOO NOBLE TO NEGLECT
DECEIVED ME INTO THINKING
I HAD SOMETHING TO PROTECT
GOOD AND BAD, I DEFINE THESE TERMS
QUITE CLEAR, NO DOUBT, SOMEHOW.
AH, BUT I WAS SO MUCH OLDER THEN, I'M YOUNGER THAN THAT NOW.

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