CHICKEN STREET

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THE PLAYERS

ROBERT WILLIAMS - acoustic guitar & vocals RAMESH B. WEERATUNGA - drums, bass, keyboard, instrument samples

THE LYRICS

CHICKEN STREET JOHN CARTER VAUGHAN AND ROBERT SCOTT WILLIAMS

Afghanistan Nineteen Seventy-Three Your young road flowed on forever and free You'd heard it's call, happy and alive Never thinking to fall You live through it all

Heading East You never knew who you would meet Living on the cheap down on Chicken Street Kabul was magic under a full moon The universe was vibrant and perfectly in tune

The air was full of colors and music too Scented so sweet with innocence and youth That's where you were when your world was complete Living on the cheap down on Chicken Street

All that's left now an impossible dream
What you read in the news what you see on the screen
Death and destruction which just never ends
Where mercy had vanished
Like smoke in the wind

That was long before the Russians And the Taliban And the American war no one there understands When the pipe went around to a mystical beat And there was wonder and hope down on Chicken Street

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MY LITTLE TOWN ROBERT SCOTT WILLIAMS

Where are you going, where have you been What did you find there riding the wind Did you climb a mountain seeking the truth I'll bet you did knowing you

Do you miss me some, just a little bit Do you see my face sometimes or did you forget When it's cold outside and the wind comes down In your great big world so far away from my little town

How does it treat you, the big unknown Are there dragons there and golden domes I often wonder how you were met Just a stranger on a street walking in a strange sunset

Do you miss me some, just a little bit Do you see my face sometimes or did you forget When it's cold outside and the rain comes down In your great big world so far away from my little town

What makes you happy, what shines your crown What makes you sing and dance, when the sun goes down Have you heard the whisper, of a magic place Have you found a tiny little bit, of perfect grace

Don't you miss me some, just a little bit Don't you see my face sometimes or did you forget When it's dark outside and the wind bears down In your great big world so far away from my little town

Where do you hide, when you 're afraid Who gives you shelter. when you feel betrayed Did you find love, or did it find you I hope so, oh I really do

Do you miss me some, just a little bit Do you see my face sometimes or did you forget When it's cold outside and the rain comes down In your great big world so far away from my little town

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SHOES ROBERT SCOTT WILLIAMS

Gonna find myself some rambling shoes Gonna walk until the day is done Till the sun slips down below the line And the world is soft and quiet The hard times and the lonesome ones Gonna walk them all away Down the years along the avenues Gonna go wherever these shoes take me

Gonna get myself some dancing shoes Silver slippers lined with blue Then long before the break of day I'll be up and on my way My feet they'll barely touch the ground As I glide along the boards Across the footlights up the stairs I never know these shoes take me

And some night when the moon
Is riding high and proud
You just might find me trippin' down your alley
So if you hear the tattoo of my heals
Wipe the sleep out of your eyes
And throw your bedroom window open
Wide enough for me to climb inside

Gonna find myself some sailing shoes
When it's time for me to break and lose
The earthly burdens and the weight
That have tied me to this servants' fate
As I slip the hands of gravity
Out beyond the reach of time
Up and over down and through
Gonna go wherever these shoes take me

And some night when the moon
Has slid behind the clouds
You just might hear me trippin down your alley
When you hear the tattoo of my heels
Wipe the sleep out of your eyes
And throw your window open wide
Wave hello and wish me luck
Along the road where these shoes take me

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