

Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs

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Intro: [C] [G] [C] [C///]

He [C] painted Salford's smokey tops,
On [Am] cardboard boxes from the shop
And [A] parts of Ancoats [A7] where I used to [Dm] play
I'm [F] sure he once walked down our street
For he [C] painted kids with nowt on their feet
The [G] clothes they wore had all seen better [C] days. 2 3,4/1,2,3

Now they [C] said his works of art were dull,
No [Am] room and all 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 who were sparking [C] clogs, [G]
Now he [C] takes his brush and he waits out-[F]side those factory gates
To paint his [G] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [C] dogs. 2 3,4/1,2,3

[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 [C] all about those Salford days
Is it [G] true you're just an ordinary [C] chap? [G]

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Now [C] Lowrys hang upon the wall
Be [Am] side the greatest of them all
And [A] even the Mona [A7] 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]

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He painted [G] kids on the corner of the street who were sparking [C] clogs, [G]
Now he [C] takes his brush and he waits out-[F]side those pearly gates
To paint his [G] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [C] dogs [C]

