

Tatjana

My name is Tatjana, and I'm from the Russian Steppes
Have you a little money I can lend?
I travelled here to London on a ferry via Dieppe
Would you like a little company my friend?
And things don't change they stay the same.

My friend says he will help me
But I have to pay my way
And if I don't, he'll show his other side
But the bruising' nearly gone now,
and the pills will ease the pain
have you a car or shall we go inside?

Chorus

*And things don't change they stay the same
This soulless trade, this human chain
And when we're gone it still remains, what have we gained?*

My father is a tribesman, from the sub Saharan plain
He doesn't know if I'm dead or alive
It hasn't rained for months there
and he says it won't again
So he sold his oldest children to survive
And things don't change they stay the same

We travelled in a cattle truck across the barren earth
Manacled and starving and alone
They tried to sell us quickly
But were told we had no worth
Left to die, a thousand miles from home

Chorus

Abandoned on a lonely shore,
the small child's body lay
Nameless, her identity unknown
Only one of hundreds, who are washed up every day
Who were promised a safe and happy home
And things don't change its still the same

The policeman shrugs his shoulders,
'Cos he's seen it all before
And takes the tiny bundle in his hand
Another sad statistic, one of many many more
That no-one really wants to understand

Chorus

(see over)

(Tatjana cont.)

I hope you had a good time Tatjana did as well
Please tell your mates about me, here's my card
And do you have a cigarette?
Maybe one or two to sell
My friend takes all my money - life is hard
And things don't change they stay the same.

It's getting very cold now,
And I'm feeling rather ill
I think that I will take a little wine
I need to find my friend now,
'Cos he has a little pill
And afterwards, it always works out fine

And things don't change they stay the same
This soulless trade, this human chain
And when we're gone it still remains,
what have we gained,
what have we changed?