

Barbour Mill – Lyrics

They came off the buses they came off the train
They walked and they cycled in the wind and the rain
2000 in all through the gates they would go
Answering the call of the Barbour Mill horn
*It's five minutes to eight we'd better move on
Got to get there by the eight o'clock horn*

The old mill she stands neglected and sad
The grand chimney gone leaving ghosts of the past
No faces at windows no sounds from within
No hackling no spinning just the sound of the wind
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The seasons of nature they come and they go
Just like the friends that I once used to know
The bare footed doffers and spinners all gone
No more do they answer the Barbour Mill horn
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Down past the mill the Lagan she flows
Where bogey men black they once wheeled the coal
To the mill where the lovely blonde ladies wait groomed
Combed from the flax in the hackling room
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Barbour Mill threads the best ever spun
Thread to be used throughout the whole world
A rainbow of colours strong yet so fine
Used for to sow all manner of gown
*It's five minutes to eight we'd better move on
Got to get there by the eight o'clock horn*

*It's five minutes to eight no need to move on
Gone is the sound of the Barbour Mill horn*

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