

02 RAG AND BONE

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As a nine year old, I was excited to hear the 'Rag and Bone' man calling out "BottleO", clip-clopping his way down our street in Parramatta with his horse and cart. They were the original re-cyclers. There are different words in different versions over the years to suit the intended purpose, as in many of my songs.

INTRO C F C F C F C F---

V1 C F
Jimmy Collins was a funny faced kid
C F
and he hung around the bar takin' what they'd give.
C F
He was the ugliest boy in a fam'ly of five
G7 F
so to keep alive he left home.

V2 C F
Jimmy Collins hit the open road
C F
and he tried to live by the country code
C F
but he took to the city in the great depression
G7
with a great recession in pride.

CHORUS F G C Am
Bone, bone, rag and bone.
F G C Am
Any old bottles and tins around your home.
F G7 |
I don't want sticks and stones
C F C F C F C F---
just Rag & Bone. Rag & Bone.

V3 C F
Jimmy Collins bought a horse and dray
C F
from collecting bottles and soiled hay.
C F
He set up a business and he made a life
G7
selling cityside, secondhand.

V4 C F
Jimmy Collins would rattle and roll
C F
down the Highbury Street by the Junior school,
C F
and the kids would scream and whistle and shout
G7
at the silly old goat with the bones.

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F G C Am
 CHORUS Bone, bone, rag and bone.
F G C Am
 Any old bottles and tins around your home.
F G7..... |
 I don't want sticks and stones
C F C F C F C F---
 just Rag & Bone. Rag & Bone.

C F
 V5 Jimmy Collins at sixty-five
C F
 is neither dead nor neither alive.
C F
 He's a solitary soul from a distant age
C F
 when a man worked hard for the money he made.
C F
 Now he won't take the pension 'cause he's self-employed
C F
 and the only real trouble's he gets annoyed
C F
 when the kids get rough and they kick his shins.
C F
 Does anybody care if an old man wins?
F----
 Put yourself in the old man's skin.

softer **F G C Am**
 CHORUS Bone, bone, rag and bone.
F G C Am
 Any old bottles and tins around your home.
F G7..... |
 I don't want sticks and stones

louder **F G C Am**
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REPEAT and FADE