

## Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs (Brian and Michael)

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[Bb]

He [Bb] painted Salford's smokey tops  
On [Gm] cardboard boxes from the shops  
And [G7] parts of Ancoats where I used to [Cm] play  
I'm [Eb] sure he once walked down our street  
'Cause he [Bb] painted kids who had nowt on their feet  
The [F] clothes we wore had all seen better [Bb] days  
[Gm7] [Cm7] [F]

Now they [Bb] said his works of art were dull  
No [Gm] room; all 'round the walls are full  
But [G7] Lowry didn't care much any- [Cm] way  
They [Eb] said he just paints cats and dogs  
And [Bb] matchstalk men in boots and clogs  
And [F] Lowry said that's just the way they'll [Bb] stay

[F] And he painted [Bb] matchstalk men and  
matchstalk cats and [Cm] dogs  
He painted [F] kids on the corner of the street  
that were sparking [Bb] clogs [F]  
Now he [Bb] takes his brush and he waits,  
out- [Cm] side them factory gates  
To paint his [F] matchstalk men and  
matchstalk cats and [Bb] dogs

Now [Bb] canvas n' brushes were wearing thin  
When [Gm] London started calling him  
To [G7] come on down and wear the old flat [Cm] cap  
They said [Eb] tell us all about your ways  
And [Bb] all about them Salford days  
Is it [F] true you're just an ordinary [Bb] chap?

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Now [Bb] Lowrys hang upon the wall  
Be- [Gm] side the greatest of them all  
[G7] Even the Mona Lisa takes a [Cm] bow  
This [Eb] tired old man with hair like snow  
Told [Bb] northern folk it's time to go  
The [F] fever came and the Good Lord mopped his [Bb] brow

[F] And he left us [Bb] matchstalk men and  
matchstalk cats and [Cm] dogs  
He left us [F] kids on the corner of the street  
that were sparking [Bb] clogs [F]  
Now he [Bb] takes his brush and he waits  
out- [Cm] side them pearly gates  
To paint his [F] matchstalk men and  
matchstalk cats and [Bb] dogs [G7]

And he left us [C] matchstalk men and  
matchstalk cats and [Dm] dogs  
He left us [G] kids on the corner of the street  
that were sparking [C] clogs [G]  
Now he [C] takes his brush and he waits  
out- [Dm] side them pearly gates  
To paint his [G] matchstalk men and  
matchstalk cats and [C] dogs

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matchstalk cats and [F] dogs [C][F][G][C]