

# Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs

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Brian and Michael - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmopSVOMSsU>

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.

Now they 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]

## (Chorus)

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.

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

## (Chorus)

(Slowly) Now [C] Lowrys hang upon the wall be-[Am]side the greatest of them all  
And [A7] even the Mona 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]

(Slowly) And he left us [C] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [F] dogs,  
He left us [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. [A7]

(normal speed) And he left us [D] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [Em]dogs,  
And he left us [A] kids on the corner of the street who were sparking [D] clogs, [A]  
Now he [D] takes his brush and he waits out-[Em]side those pearly gates  
To paint his [A] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [D] dogs.

