

# Matchstalk Men

*Brian and Michael*

He painted Salford's smokey tops  
All: On cardboard boxes from the shops  
And parts of Ancoats where I used to play  
I'm sure he once walked down our street  
Cause he painted kids who had nowt on their feet  
The clothes we wore had all seen better days

All: Now they said his works of art were dull  
No room, all round the walls are full  
But Lowry didn't care much anyway  
They said he just paints cats and dogs  
And matchstalk men in boots and clogs  
And Lowry said that's just the way they'll stay

Chorus: **And he painted matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and dogs**  
**He painted kids on the corner of the street with the sparkling clogs**  
**Now he takes his brush and he waits outside them factory gates**  
**To paint his matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and dogs**

All: Now canvas and brushes were wearing thin  
When London started calling him  
To come on down and wear the old flat cap  
They said tell us all about your ways  
And all about them Salford days  
Is it true you're just an ordinary chap

Chorus:

All: Now Lowrys hang upon the wall  
Beside the greatest of them all  
And even the Mona Lisa takes a bow  
This tired old man with hair like snow  
Told northern folk its time to go  
The fever came and the good Lord mopped his brow

Chorus:

**And he left us matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and dogs  
He left us kids on the corner of the street with sparkling clogs  
Now he takes his brush and he waits outside them pearly gates  
To paint his matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and dogs.**

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*<Next two verses men and women sing their lines at the same time>*

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