Mott The Hoople, Ballad Of Mott (March 26th 197

(Ian Hunter/Overend Watts/Mick Ralphs/Verden Allen/Dale Griffin)

I changed my name in search of fame

To find the Midas touch

Oh I wish I'd never wanted then

What I want now twice as much

We crossed the mighty oceans

And we had a few divides

But we never crossed emotion

For we felt too much inside

You know all the tales we tell

You know the band so well

Still I feel, somehow, we let you down

We went off somewhere on the way

And now I see we have to pay

The rock'n'roll circus is in town

Buffin lost his child-like dreams

And Mick lost his guitar

And Verden grew a line or two

And Overend's just a rock'n'roll star

Behind these shades the visions fade

As I learn a thing or two

Oh but if I had my time again

You all know just what I'd do

Rock'n'roll's a loser's game

It mesmerises and I can't explain

The reasons for the sights and for the sounds

We went off somewhere on the way

And now I see we have to pay

The rock'n'roll circus is in town

So Rock'n'roll's a loser's game

It mesmerises and I can't explain

The reasons for the sights and for the sounds

The greasepaint still sticks to my face

So what the hell, I can't erase

The rock'n'roll feeling from my mind

From my mind...from my mind...from my mind

From my miliiind...from my miliiind...from my miliiiiind

From my miiiiiiiiiiiind