“Now That The Buffalo’s Gone” (1964)

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Can you remember the times
That you have held your head high
And told all your friends of your Indian claim
Proud good lady and proud good man
Some great-great grandfather from Indian blood sprang
And you feel in your heart for these ones
Oh it's written in books and in songs
That we've been mistreated and wronged
Well over and over I hear those same words
From you good lady and you good man
Well listen to me if you care where we stand
And you feel you're a part of these ones
When a war between nations is lost
The loser, we know, pays the cost
But even when Germany fell to your hands
Consider dear lady, consider dear man

You left them their pride and you left them their lands

And what have you done to these ones

Has a change come about my dear man

Or are you still taking our lands

A treaty forever your senators sign

They do dear lady, they do dear man

And the treaties are broken again and again

And what will you do for these ones

"Oh, it's all in the past, " they will say

But it's still going on here today

The governments now want the Navajo land
That of the Inuit and the Cheyenne
It's here and it's now you can help us dear man

Now that the buffalo's gone