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'Couldn't drag me away'. How can you help but be drawn in by this haunting theme. It conjures up memories of childhood amongst Council Estates, poverty and struggle in the first verse. Irony and bitterness. One of my personal favourites and an emotional release.

I Dreamed A Dream ...10

Obviously from the musical 'Les Mis'. It's about a mother living in hard times. Very similar to my dream on a more personal level, of my 'life gone by' with mum who died at the age of 91 and whose "dream" it was that I should 'do something' with my life. Mum, this is for you.

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About bitterness and anger as a relationship between a boy and girl has ended. A release of tension and a greater insight into the human condition. It's a Julie London song, with a lovely 1950s feel about it. I like that era. It seems so tame and innocent now.

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