

PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS

The photograph albums are lost?
How could this be? Did you mislay them?
Were they in a box, in a chest packed nicely
Like all the rest? Did you eat them

Thinking they were a carrot? What?
A Jethro Tull line from "A Passion Play"
(disregard if you wish) We were talking about
Photograph albums. Can you remember

Or do you forget, what could have happened
The last time you saw them? Was it a long time
Ago? Were they burnt or did you throw them away?
Yes. No.No. Is this the Spanish Inquisition?

I know what happened. I am not proud
I could have done better. I did not, I allowed
The miscellany of the world overload me
It is as it is. A past event cannot be replayed

I lost the photograph albums, the photographs
The memories, the people who are no more.
So, all I have left is my memory; imperfect as it is
Poking and prodding me. Do you remember this?

I say yes. I have no independent record of it.
The photograph albums are lost, forever gone

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