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About the cover:

“Neil Finn steps onto the stage at the Palais Theatre in Melbourne and everyone is here: Split Enz...his family & friends.

The Maori art border is a nod to his motherland & the Dots on Shells is an ode to a song he wrote with an Aboriginal elder.

The three handmaidens in the moshpit past & present with Peter & Mark & a theatre full of adoring fans including among many: Sandy Allen...Paul Hester...Pineapple Head & Into Temptation.

The carpet from Roundhead studios with the dream song list...the trees from the album covers He & She Will Have Her Way... Ghost Cars on the Freeway & the mountains of New Zealand.”

~ Bronwyn Liddle

Cover artist