

Frank Zappa

"If We'd All Been Living In California..."

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Frank zappa (guitar, vocals, percussion)
Ray collins (vocals)
Jimmy carl black (drums)
Roy estrada (electric bass)
Don preston (electric piano)
Billy mundi (drums)
Bunk gardner (piccolo, flute, clarinet, bass clarinet,
soprano saxophone, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone,
bassoon)
Ian underwood (electric organ, piano, harpsichord,
celeste, flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, baritone
saxophone)
Arthur tripp (drums, timpani, vibes, marimba,
xylophone, wood blocks, bells, small chimes)
Motorhead sherwood (tenor saxophone, tambourine)
Ruth komanoff (marimba, vibes)

Ok, now you still want to get your name in the
magazines
And he wants 500 dollars a month.

Where does it come from?
We worked one gig this month.

And thats....so what do we get?
Two hundred dollars for this gig up here if we're lucky.

If we're lucky, we'll get two hundred.
And it will be two weeks before we get it.
Probably.

I mean after all, what is all this shit in the newspaper,
If we got such a big name, how come....., we're starving
man!
This fucking band is starving!
And we've been starving for three years.

I realize it takes a long time but God damn it!
Does it take another five, ten years from now.

There's some months when you're not going to work as
much as other months. there's some months when

you're going to make a lot of money and if you average
it out, you do make more than two hundred
dollars a month.

Expenses are sure high to.
If we'd all been living in California,
it would have been different.

If we'd all been living in California,
We wouldn't have worked at all.

Oh, that's true.
Well, we're not working now anyway.
We worked one gig this month Frank.
What's wrong with getting two months in a row of this
good money?

Or three months in a row.

Then we could afford to take three or four months off
and everybody can.....
After the first month I can get just enough ahead
but if I had two more months man,
I'll get ahead.
Because I'm not living very extravagantly, I'll tell you
for sure.

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