

## **Gino Vannelli**

# **"Jehovah And All That Jazz"**

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Hail to the shaman and his cardboard drum and the  
riffraff  
Dancing in the sun  
I sing for thee  
Praise to the ugly and the dispossessed and the genius  
born of  
The viper's nest  
You have set me free  
Hey, you cranks and you clowns with your heads  
hanging down  
I bring good tidings to you  
For all the talent that he has jehovah don't play jazz like  
the devil do

See the rose sprung from the heap of dung  
The shafthorse hot and heavy hung shamelessly  
Check the star dust oozing in the mud on it pilgrimage  
to flesh and blood  
Now ain't that you and me  
Hey, you shakespeares in rags little heretics and hags  
To thine own self be true  
Well, he may be beautiful and king but jehovah he  
don't swing like the devil

Birdman, birdman, what's the word, man  
Into the night we go  
Billie, billie, knock me silly  
Sing to me soft and low  
Save me from losing my soul to a heaven as cold as ice  
I'd sooner be a free man in hell than a prisoner in  
paradise

So I toot my toot for the man with roots  
Hey, fifer on the e-flat flute play on, play on  
All you sinners and you infidels you you artful madmen  
bound for hell

Come sing along  
Come on, you potty-trained saints spouting' isms and  
ain'ts  
Dig the poetry my man  
Well all deference to his throne

Gabriel he don't play no saxophone like coltrane can

Now, save me from losing my soul to a heaven as cold  
as ice

I'd sooner be a free man in hell than a prisoner in  
paradise

I'd sooner catch fire than kill my desire

Hail to the shaman and his cardboard drum and the  
riffraff

Dancing in the sun

I sing for you

For all the talent he has jehovah don't play jazz like the  
devil do

Yeah, the devil do

Must admit he do

Ah, da devil do

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Into the night we go

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Foll all the talent that he has jehovah don't play no jazz

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