

Graham Parker "Beyond A Joke"

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Pre>d g

It's gone beyond a joke, it's gone beyond a laughing
matter

D g

We had a flag out in the wind, now it's reduced to just a
tatter

C c c

I get the feeling it's all getting out of control

C d g c

I want to be back where we can feel with our real
senses ooooh

C d g c

I want to be back where we had every day defences

Chorus

C d c

What did we have? ooooh what did we do?

C d c

What kind of love could not pull us through?

G d a

It was another kind of world and nobody spoke, it was...

Getting beyond a joke, getting beyond a laughing
matter, matter, matter

I walked out onto the street, the buildings, the people

Were reduced to tatters, tatters, tatters

It's almost like I am being crushed from inside

I want to touch your hand but it feels a skeleton's grasp
ooooh

I want to be in command but I'm just a speck in a swell
in a rasp

What did we have? ooooh what did we do?

What kind of love could not pull us through?

It was another kind of time and nobody spoke, it was

Verse

Getting beyond a joke, it was getting beyond a joke,
It was getting beyond a joke

Instrumental completes verse and chorus

Verse

It's getting beyond a joke, it's getting way beyond a
laughing matter (x3)
Hands slip, feet trip, lips twist in a grimace every
sound's a clatter (x3)
Paper and sky are torn in a terrible way
Everything's been reborn into a world that isn't quite
dying
All of the clothes we've worn are too soaking wet to be
dry in

Chorus 2

What did we have? oooh what did we do?
What kind of love could not pull us through?
It was another kind of time and nobody spoke, it was...

Verse

Getting beyond a joke, it was getting beyond a joke,
(repeat and fade)
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