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There are few who'd deny, at what I do I am the best For my talents are renowned far and wide When it comes to surprises in the moonlit night I excel without ever even trying With the slightest little effort, of my ghostlike charms... I have seen grown men give out a shriek With the wave of my hand, and a well-placed moan I have swept the very bravest off their feet

Yet year after year, it's the same routine And I grow so tired... of the sound of screams And I, JACK! the Pumpkin King... Have grown so tired, of the same old thing

Ohhhh, somewhere deep... inside of these bones An emptiness... began to grow There's something out there, far from my home A longing that I've never known

I'm a master of fright! and a demon of light! And I'll scare you right out of your pants... To a guy in Kentucky, I'm Mister Unlucky And I'm known throughout England and France

And since I am dead, I can take off my head To recite Shakespearean quotations No animal nor man can SCREAM like I can With the fury of my recitations

But who here would ever understand That the Pumpkin King with his skeleton grin Would tire of his crown, if they only understood He'd give it all up if he only could

Oh, there's an empty place in my bones That calls out for something unknown The fame and praise come year after year Does nothing for these empty tears...

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