

## Joe Jackson

# "The Band Wore Blue Shirts"

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I don't know why they come here?  
I'm only glad they do  
They're gonna pay the bills for me and you  
People out for an evenin'  
They have a real good time  
But when I play, I feel just like I'm miming

I made a stand for the music  
To turn the page with ease  
I got the smile that says, "I'm here to please"  
Me and the bass guitarist  
Have even shined our shoes  
The drummer's shoes are dirty to confuse

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I guess that I'll tell them that there ain't much to tell  
The waiters wore black dinner jackets and all that kind  
of thing  
And the band wore blue shirts  
And the music played on

Then at the end of the evenin'  
They throw the suckers out  
Don't get me wrong, I got no beef about it  
I get my rates from the union  
I get my shirts real cheap  
I get my money  
Get home, get some sleep

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And on

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