

## **John Wesley Harding** **"The King Is Dead Boring"**

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The king puts on his raiment  
And surveys the royal scene  
And tries to put his finger on  
The source of all his ennui

But when something goes, it's gone, you know  
Starts at the top, spreads down  
Just check out the faded bodywork  
Beneath his rusted crown

They're waiting for impeachment  
But they can't see the day  
The queen can't give him any heirs  
The word is he's to blame

So he beheads her just for fun  
And now he's quoting Nietzsche  
When you'd think that he would have known  
She was his one redeeming feature

But the king isn't dead, the king's dead boring  
That's the song that the millions sing  
You name it, he's lost it, well he lacks everything  
The king is dead boring

He used to be a Don Juan  
Now he's just the royal slut  
He's knocking up the servant girls  
And he's waking up half-cut

He gets a chance to win us back  
But gives them some old spiel  
And all they see is the ghost  
Of his former sex-appeal

But the king isn't dead, the king's dead boring  
That's the song that his millions sing  
You name it, he's lost it, he lacks everything  
The king is dead boring

They used to sing, ?Long live the King?  
He was the man with everything

But now they shout, ?Get that dull bastard out  
Get that dull bastard out?

He used to be so Carnaby  
So out of all our leagues  
But now it's all that he can do  
To zip up his fatigues

If only he could make excuses  
Engage with us somehow  
But effort is so out of place  
And failure's not allowed

Because the king isn't dead, the king's dead boring  
That's the song that the millions sing  
You name it, he's lost it, he lacks everything  
No the king isn't dead

The king's dead boring  
That's the song that the millions sing  
You name it, he's lost it, well he lacks everything  
Well he lacks everything, the king's dead boring

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