

# Johnny Cash

## "If He Came Back Again"

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If He Came Back Again  
(Written by Barry Alfonso & Craig Bickhardt)

You'd have thought a king had died  
The way those people cried  
Instead of one more broken entertainer  
It struck those in his trade  
He could have had it made  
If he'd only been a little saner  
They traveled far to see him  
Oh, the humble and the high  
They said goodbye as if he were a friend

Now somewhere he is smiling  
On those who idolized him  
But would they even recognize him  
If he came back again?

He was born of modest means  
But had outrageous dreams  
They never let him rest  
Till he fulfilled them  
While he rode that train of song  
His devils tagged along  
The whiskey and the pills  
Just couldn't kill him

He didn't mean to be a rebel  
Ah, the real ones never do  
They're born apart from ordinary men

Now somewhere he is smiling  
On those who sanctified him  
But would they even recognize him  
If he came back again?

It's an old familiar story  
But it's a damn shame none-the-less  
They don't forgive his kind  
Till they lay them down to rest

Now somewhere he is smiling

On those who idolized him  
But would they even recognize him  
If he came back again?  
Oh, if he came back again

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