

## **Josh Groban**

# **"Embassy Lament"**

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[CIVIL SERVANTS]

Oh my dear how boring  
He's defecting  
Just like all the others  
He's expecting  
Us to be impressed with what he's done here  
But he  
Hasn't stopped to think about the paperwork  
His gesture causes  
We've an embassy to run here  
If these people can't strike  
Blows for freedom  
With a valid visa  
We don't need 'em  
If we seem offhand then please remember  
This is nothing very special  
He's the fourth we've had since last November  
Who do these foreign chappies think they are?  
And when he's safely in the West  
He'll be the hero to discuss  
The media will lionise him  
Fame and fortune plus  
No-one will recall it's  
Thanks to us

[CIVIL SERVANT 1]

You have a wife?

[ANATOLY]

Yes.

[CIVIL SERVANT 2]

You have two children?

[ANATOLY]

Yes.

[CIVIL SERVANT 3]

And they're not coming with you?

[ANATOLY]

No, not for the moment.

[CIVIL SERVANT 4]

You say you play chess. You are good, is it?  
(Civil Servant 3 whispers in his ear)  
Oh, I hear you are the world Champion.

[ANATOLY]

Since yesterday.

[CIVIL SERVANTS]

Tha't still good!

[CIVIL SERVANT 1]

Have you an appointment  
With the consul?

[CIVIL SERVANT 2]

If you don't we know what his  
Response'll be.

[CIVIL SERVANTS]

He will not see you, with respect it  
Buggers up his very taxing schedule  
Pushing peace and understanding  
Let us hope this won't affect it  
Far too many jokers  
Cross the border  
Not a single document  
In order  
Russia must be empty  
Though we're all for  
Basic human rights it makes you wonder  
What they built the Berlin wall for  
Who do these foreign chappies think they are?  
And when you've filled in all the forms  
And been passed clear of all disease  
Debriefed debugged dedrugged disarmed  
And disinfected please  
Don't forget the guys  
Who cut your keys

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