Loudon Wainwright Iii ''Happy Birthday, Elvis''

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Happy birthday, Elvis; You're not really dead. It's a lie, it's just a crock, Something some people said. I heard a cassette of you speaking On a telephone; From a bunker beneath Graceland, The king sits on his throne.

Happy birthday, Elvis;
Fifty-eight years old today.
It isn't true, you didn't die,
No matter what they say.
The colonel just decided
You should drop out of sight
After the Bicentennial-The timing was just right.

Happy birthday, Elvis; You're alive in '93. They took away the body, But who the hell was he? Who was that tall fat man They buried in your place? Just another imitator; Plastic surgeons did his face.

Happy birthday, Elvis;
You still love to ball.
Somebody said she spotted you
In a Memphis mall.
Check out the checkout counters;
Read what the tabloids say:
Aliens abducted you,
But somehow you got away.

Happy birthday, Elvis; I for one will not shed tears. You'll be back for the millennium; That's in seven measly years. And if you're blue and lonely, Pick up that telephone, Down in that bunker beneath Graceland, The king sits on his throne.

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