

## Mott The Hoople

### "Lost Johnny"

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You only get a single chance  
The rules are very plain,  
The truth is well concealed inside  
The details of the game,  
You can hear it coming,  
You can see it from afar,  
It's pale and it glimmers  
Like a faded movie star

And out there in the castle,  
They're trying to make us scream,  
By sticking thumb tags in a flash  
And cancelling the dream,  
Can you find the Valium,  
Can you bring them soon,  
Lost Johnny's out there,  
Baying at the moon

The time has come for you to choose,  
You'd better get it right,  
Pulling girls with sharp white teeth  
Are waiting in the night,  
But you want to really get some,  
It surely can't be hard,  
There's always trouble lurking  
When you leave your own backyard

Underneath the city,  
The alligators sing,  
Of how the fool he cannot dance,  
When someone cuts the strings,  
Can you find the morphine,  
Try to be so brief,  
Lost Johnny's out there,  
Looking for relief

That laddie looks so evil,  
And you know he really tries,  
But every time he makes a play,  
That battle compromise,  
And shall I find their underwear,

From a store where no-one goes,  
She makes it big in dugs,  
On the strength of what she shows,

And here inside the waiting room,  
The radio still screams,  
And we're shooting children,  
To murder all young things,  
Can you find your credit card,  
For god's sake make it quick,  
Lost Johnny's out there,  
Trying to turn a trick

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