

## William Shatner "Common People"

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(featuring Joe Jackson)

She came from Greece. She had a thirst for knowledge.  
She studied sculpture at Saint Martin's College.  
That's where I--caught her eye.  
She told me that her dad was loaded.  
I said, in that case I'll have a rum and Coca-Cola.  
She said fine, and in thirty seconds time she said...  
I wanna live like common people.  
I wanna do whatever common people do.  
I wanna sleep with common people.  
I wanna sleep with common people like you.  
Well, what else could I do? I said, I'll see what I can do!

I took her to a supermarket.  
I don't know why, but I had to start it somewhere.  
So it started there!  
I said, pretend you've got no money.  
She just laughed and said, oh, you're so funny!  
I said, yeah? Well I can't see anyone else smiling in here!  
Are you sure you want to live like common people?  
You want to see whatever common people see?  
You want to sleep with common people?  
You want to sleep with common people like me?  
But she didn't understand...

...she just smiled and held my hands!  
Rent a flat above a shop!  
Cut your hair and get a job!  
Smoke some fags and play some pool.  
Pretend you never went to school.  
But still you'll never get it right.  
When you're lyin' in bed at night,  
Watching roaches climb the wall.  
If you call your dad he could stop it all.

You'll never live like common people!  
You'll never do whatever common people do!  
You'll never fail like common people!  
You'll never watch your life slide out of view,  
And dance, and drink, and screw!

Because there's nothing else to do!

Sing along with the common people  
Sing along and it might just get you through.  
Laugh along with the common people,  
Laugh along, even though they're laughing at you,  
And the stupid things that you do  
'Cause you think "poor" is cool.

Like a dog lying in a corner,  
It'll bite you and never warn you.  
Look out, they'll tear your insides out.  
Because everyone hates a tourist,  
'Specially one who thinks it's all such a laugh.  
Yeah and the chip stains' grease will come out in the  
bath.

You wil never understand  
How it feels to live your life  
With no meaning or control  
And with nowhere left to go.  
You're amazed that they exist.  
And they burn so bright, why?  
You can only wonder why.

Rent a flat above a shop!  
Cut your hair and get a job!  
Smoke some fags and play some pool.  
Pretend you never went to school.  
But still you'll never get it right.  
When you've laid in bed at night,  
Watching roaches climb the wall.  
If you call your dad he could stop it all.

You'll never live like common people!  
You'll never do what common people do!  
You'll never fail like common people!  
You'll never watch your life slide out of view,  
And dance, and drink, and screw!  
Because there's nothing else to do!

You wanna sleep with the common people  
You wanna sleep with the common people  
You wanna sleep with the common people

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