

## The Strawbs

### "The Man Who Called Himself Jesus"

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He came into the shop and looked me straight between the eyes  
And said "You know I'm Jesus" and I must have looked surprised  
Because he said "Please don't be hasty, no-one understands  
But I've got a way to prove it" and he lifted up his hands  
He was the man who called himself Jesus

For a minute I was speechless then I looked into his face  
With sufficient lines of sadness for the total human race  
And I said "You must be joking" but he slowly shook his head  
And said "That's what they all say, I might as well be dead."  
He was the man who called himself Jesus

He asked me if I knew a place where he could start to preach  
And I said "Well try a church, or maybe Brighton Beach"  
And I was trying to be serious but he didn't seem impressed  
He said "You think I'm crazy, you're just like all the rest."  
He was the man who called himself Jesus

I was really quite embarrassed he was looking so sincere  
So I said "I close the shop soon, won't you come and have a beer?"  
Then he asked me if I meant it and he gave a funny smile  
And said he'd rather like that and he hung around a while  
He was the man who called himself Jesus

On the way he stopped to pat little children's heads  
And taught them one line prayers to say when they went off to their beds  
But mostly they were frightened and they looked at him wide-eyed  
And when he said his name was Jesus, one girl even cried  
He was the man who called himself Jesus

In the pub I asked him if he'd tried to see the Pope  
And he said although he'd thought about it there was really not a hope  
Then he said he thought he'd better go he had some work to do  
He said he'd come and see me in about a week or two  
He was the man who called himself Jesus

Well after he had gone I thought of what he'd said  
And all his funny actions kept on running through my head  
And when I felt my mind was drowning in a sea of mud  
It seemed his pint of beer had turned into a pint of blood  
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