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# **"Jerusalem On The Jukebox"**

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Jerusalem on the jukebox, they talk in tongues on  
Coronation Street  
Heaven help the Pharisee whose halo has slipped down  
to his feet  
A thousand satellite comedians have died for your sins  
Jerusalem on the jukebox, little angels, beat your wings

At poolside picnics, they chant for Ferraris and furs  
Their muscle-tone sharpens but their hold on reality  
blurs  
You can have your cake and eat it and never have to  
puke up a thing

Jerusalem on the jukebox, little angels, beat your wings

In the bathroom mirror, they try that Joan of Arc look  
again  
Two parts Ingrid Bergman, to one part Shirley MacLaine  
The wounds of time kill you but the surgeon's knife only  
stings  
Jerusalem on the jukebox, little angels, beat your wings

In video-suburbia, the blue light flickers and flames  
Ecstasy and holy blackmail are the favorite games  
And God has the sharpest suit and the cleanest chin  
Jerusalem on the jukebox, little angels, beat your wings

The bride checks her hair and her make-up and here  
comes the groom  
What one-eyed monster comes slouching into your  
front room  
Rudolph Valentino or the curse of the two-legged  
things  
Jerusalem on the jukebox, little angels, beat your wings

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