

Stan Ridgway "Jack Talked"

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Chorus:

Repeat these three lines three times

Jack talked

Jack talked like

Jack talked like a man on fire

(Man on fire!)

Jack talked like a man on fire and his eyes moved like
two shiny steel ball bearings

And when they moved the ground beneath him shook
and split open

No one got too close to Jack but Jack never got too
close anyway

And when he dreamed, his ears drooled thirty-weight
engine oil

He took personality tests

And stapled them to his lower lip

No one ever came out on a visit with Jack

But Jack never visited anybody anyway

Chorus repeat

Jack made false contributions to charity telethons

Jack made crank phone calls to elected officials

His arms shook and his legs twitched and his tongue
darted out of his mouth every few seconds

And when it did it touched the tip of his nose

And when it touched the tip of his nose

He yelled out as loud as he could

"I have artistic sensibility,

I am a damn good risk,

I am the messenger and here is the message"

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