

Henley Don "If Dirt Were Dollars"

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Walkin' like a millionaire
Smilin' like a king
He leaned his shopping cart against the wall
He said, "I been a lot of places
And I seen a lot of things
But, sonny, I seen one thing that beats 'em all
I was flyin' back from Lubbock
I saw Jesus on the plane
...or maybe it was Elvis
You know, they kind of look the same
Hey, look out, Junior, you're steppin' on my bed"
I said, "I don't see nothin'"
He just glared at me and said,
If dirt were dollars
If dirt were dollars
If dirt were dollars
I wouldn't worry anymore
Lookin' like a beauty queen
Loyal as a wife
She raised her little voice and testified,
"I am a good girl

I've been one all my life"

But her virtue was as swollen as her pride

She should've had the Oscar

She must have been miscast

Her fifteen minutes went by so fast

I said, "Now, baby, have you got no shame?"

She just looked at me uncomprehendingly

Like cows at a passing train

If dirt were dollars

If dirt were dollars

If dirt were dollars

I wouldn't worry anymore

We got the bully pulpit

And the poisoned pen

We got a press no better

Than the public men

This brave new world

Gone bad again

God's finest little creatures

Looking brave and strong

Whistling past the graveyard

Nothing can go wrong

Quoting from the scriptures

With patriotic tears

We got the same old men

With the same old fears
Standing at attention
Wrapped in stars and stripes
They hear the phantom drummers
And the nonexistent pipes
These days the buck stops nowhere
No one takes the blame
But evil is still evil
In anybody's name
If dirt were dollars
If dirt were dollars
If dirt were dollars

We'd all be in the black

Written by Don Henley, Danny Kortchmar and J. D. Souther

Danny Kortchmar--basic track

Stan Lynch--additional percussion

Sheryl Crow, Don Henley, J. D. Souther--background vocals

Basic track recorded by Greg Ladanyi at The Complex

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