Give the People What They Want

The Kinks

Hey, hey, hey... Give the people what they want

Well, it's been said before, the world is a stage A different performance with every age. Open the history book to any old page Bring on the lions and open the cage.

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The Roman promoters really did things right. They needed a show that would clearly excite. The attendance was sparse so they put on a fight Threw the Christians to the lions, sold out every night

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Give 'em lots of sex, perversion and rape Give 'em lots of violence, and plenty to hate Give the people what they want Give the people what they want

When Olswald shot Kennedy, he was insane But still we watch the re-runs again and again We all sit glued while the killer takes aim "Hey Mom, there goes a piece of the president's brain!"

Give the people what they want You gotta give the people what they want Blow out your brains, and do it right Make sure it's prime time and on a Saturday night. You gotta give the people what they want You gotta give the people what they want Give the people what they want Give the people what they want Give the people what they want