

# The Palace of Versailles

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The wands of smoke are rising  
From the walls of the Bastille  
And through the streets of Paris  
Runs a sense of the unreal

The kings have all departed  
Their servants are nowhere  
We burned out all their mansions  
In the name of Robespierre

And still we wait to see the day begin  
Our time is wasting in the wind  
Wondering why, wondering why, it echoes  
Through the lonely palace of Versailles

Inside the midnight councils  
The lamps are burning low  
Oh, you sit and talk all through the night  
But there's just no place to go

And Bonaparte is coming  
With his army from the South  
Marat your days are numbered  
And we live hand to mouth

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Ghost of revolution  
Still prowls the Paris streets  
Down all the restless centuries  
It wonders incomplete

It speaks inside the cheap red wine  
Of cafe summer nights  
Its red and amber voices call  
The cars at traffic lights

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