

# King Of The World

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Jimmy said it's not easy being the king of the world  
It gets harder every day  
Somebody's gotta do the job, ya know?  
So it might as well be me

Bought himself a one way ticket  
On a greyhound bus bound for Santa Fe  
Left everyone behind he'd ever known  
Just faded away

Jimmy found himself  
A lover down in Hollywood  
He was a good man  
As far as good men go, I guess

He sold system software  
For a high tech firm down in the valley  
She wrote him a letter  
It went a little something like this

She said, "I had big dreams, big dreams, don't you know?  
So hard to make these big dreams come true  
Now I try to hold on to what we had the best I could  
I find holdin' on is the hardest thing to do"

Oh, I ain't comin' home tonight  
So don't wait up for me  
No, I ain't coming home tonight  
Well, I'm finally free

Was a guy that I met  
One night in a bar in Colorado  
He said, "Man, I got a gift  
More like a curse, I must confess"

Said, "I can remember everybody's name  
That I've ever met before in my life"  
So I said, "Name everybody in your first grade class"  
And he did, I guess

And then imagine all those names  
Stretched out forever  
Like the rays of light  
From some long dead distant star

And I thought to myself  
What have I done with this life of mine?  
Besides finding myself in this smoke-filled bar  
And I said

Oh, I ain't comin' home tonight  
No, don't wait up for me  
No, ma, I ain't comin' home tonight  
Said I'm finally free, I'm finally free

And time rolls by like an old friend gone away  
And I am just a mortal man

And death will be my final lover  
And life will always be something that I'll, I'll never understand

Now I'm higher than a capitol building in downtown Austin  
Freer than the west Texas wind  
And I move down the street like a cloud moving  
Across a clear blue sky  
And I know I'll never feel this way again

Oh, I ain't coming home tonight  
So don't wait up for me  
No, I ain't coming home tonight, tonight  
Oh, I'm finally free

I'm finally free  
Finally free  
Finally free  
Finally free  
Finally free  
Finally free  
Finally free  
Finally free  
I'm finally free