

## Karn Evil 9

Emerson, Lake & Palmer

Cold and misty morning, I heard a warning borne in the air  
About an age of power where no one had an hour to spare,  
Where the seeds have withered, silent children shivered, in the cold  
Now their faces captured in the lenses of the jackals for gold.

I'll be there  
I'll be there  
I will be there.

Suffering in silence, they've all been betrayed.  
They hurt them and they beat them, in a terrible way.  
Praying for survival at the end of the day.  
There is no compassion for those who stay.  
I'll be there  
I'll be there  
I will be there

There must be someone who can set them free:  
To take their sorrow from this odyssey  
To help the helpless and the refugee  
To protect what's left of humanity.  
Can't you see  
Can't you see  
Can't you see

I'll be there  
I'll be there  
I will be there;

To heal their sorrow  
To beg and borrow  
Fight tomorrow.

Step inside! Hello! We've a most amazing show  
You'll enjoy it all we know  
Step inside! Step inside!

We've got thrills and shocks, supersonic fighting cocks.  
Leave your hammers at the box  
Come inside! Come inside!

Roll up! Roll up! Roll up!  
See the show!

Left behind the bars, rows of Bishops' heads in jars  
And a bomb inside a car  
Spectacular! Spectacular!

If you follow me there's a speciality  
Some tears for you to see  
Misery, misery,

Roll up! Roll up! Roll up!  
See the show!

Next upon the bill in our House of Vaudeville  
We've a stripper in a till  
What a thrill! What a thrill!

And not content with that,  
With our hands behind our backs,  
We pull Jesus from a hat,  
Get into that! Get into that!

Roll up! Roll up! Roll up!  
See the show!

[Karn Evil 9 1st Impression Part 2]

Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends  
We're so glad you could attend, come inside, come inside  
There behind a glass stands a real blade of grass  
Be careful as you pass, move along, move along

Come inside, the show's about to start  
Guaranteed to blow your head apart  
Rest assured you'll get your money's worth  
Greatest show in Heaven, Hell or Earth  
You've got to see the show, it's a dynamo  
You've got to see the show, it's rock and roll, oh

Right before your eyes we pull laughter from the skies  
And he laughs until he cries, then he dies, then he dies

Come inside, the show's about to start  
Guaranteed to blow your head apart  
You've got to see the show, it's a dynamo  
You've got to see the show, it's rock and roll, oh

Soon the Gypsy Queen in a glaze of vaseline  
Will perform on guillotine, what a scene, what a scene  
Next upon the stand will you please extend a hand  
To Alexander's Ragtime Band, Dixieland, Dixieland

Roll up, roll up, roll up  
See the show

Performing on a stool we've a sight to make you drool  
Seven virgins and a mule, keep it cool, keep it cool  
We would like it to be known the exhibits that were shown  
Were exclusively our own, all our own, all our own

Come and see the show, come and see the show  
Come and see the show  
See the show

Man alone, born of stone,  
Will stamp the dust of time  
His hands strike the flame of his soul;  
Ties a rope to a tree and hangs the Universe  
Until the winds of laughter blows cold.

Fear that rattles in men's ears  
And rears its hideous head  
Dread... Death... in the wind...

Man of steel pray and kneel  
With fever's blazing torch  
Thrust in the face of the night;  
Draws a blade of compassion  
Kissed by countless Kings

Whose jewelled trumpet words blind his sight.

Walls that no man thought would fall  
The altars of the just  
Crushed... Dust... in the wind...

No man yields who flies in my ship  
Danger!  
Let the bridge computer speak  
Stranger!  
Load your program. I am yourself.

No computer stands in my way  
Only blood can cancel my pain  
Guardians of a new clear dawn  
Let the maps of war be drawn.

Rejoice! Glory is ours!  
Our young men have not died in vain,  
Their graves need no flowers  
The tapes have recorded their names.

I am all there is  
Negative! Primitive! Limited! I let you live!  
But I gave you life  
What else could you do?  
To do what was right  
I'm perfect! Are you?