

## What Gives

Loudon Wainwright III

Paul & George & Ringo, just a fraction of the Fab Four  
Some still survive from Dave Clark's Five  
Washed up on the Mersey Shore Jerry has a pacemaker  
The hermit's name is Herman  
That old man's Manfred Mann &  
The Animals merely vermin

Hank Junior sang with Senior his cheatin heart was cold  
And just a few years back  
Natalie and Nat King Cole duetted and went gold  
There's a way to make it pay  
Though they've flown the coup  
John Denver, Stevie Ray, Vaughan, Buddy Holly  
Ricky Nelson, Otis Redding in one super group

Bring me the bones of Brian Jones  
And Joplin's tinted glasses  
Hendrix's pick, Keith Moon's drumstick  
And a caftan of Mama Cass'

Rock and roll will never die, neither can her heroes  
Just pick a figure with three digits  
Then tack on about six zeros  
The Beatles are forever, it's like John never got shot  
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