

Alexander The Great
Strawbs

[Intro]

A

[Verse]

A

They called him Alexander

A

With the best band in the land

A

He d topped the bill in Paris

A

But in Venice it was banned

A

A pile of dusty gold discs

A

Were among his claims to fame

A

There was no-one over sixty

A

Who did not know his name

[Chorus]

C **B7**

Alexander you were great

Em **C**

The man the critics loved to hate

D **B7** **Em**

You could have been as big as the Beatles or the Stones

C **B7**

Alexander you became

Em **C**

The lonely housewife s favourite name

D **Em**

And you could have been the greatest of them all

[Verse]

A

The gig was held in honour

A

Of his golden jubilee

A

He did not need the money

A

So he said he d play for free

A

He got the band together

A

Who d been with him through the years

A

They rehearsed the Alexander songs

A

And shed nostalgic tears

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[Verse]

A

The crowd rose to their feet

A

When Alexander hit the stage

A

His face had been rebuilt

A

So that you could not tell his age

A

He played all of the old songs

A

And the crowd sang every word

A

He danced like Margot Fonteyn

A

And whistled like a bird

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[Verse]

A

He came on for the encore

A

But collapsed against the stand

A

The crowd was hushed, the doctor came

A

There was panic in the band

A

He diagnosed a broken heart

A

The critics had been fed

A

Their reviews became

A

Obituary notices instead

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