

**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

[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 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

[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**

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

[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

[Chorus]

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