

Infanta

The Decemberists

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Artist: The Decemberists

Album: Picaresque

Song: The Infanta

E

Here she comes in her palanquin on the back of an elephant

F

E

On a bed made of linen and sequins and silk

All astride on her father s line with the king and his concubines

F

E

And her nurse with her pitchers of liquors and milk

G

D

E

And we ll all come praise the infanta

G

D

E

And we ll all come praise the infanta

E

Among five score pachyderm each canopied and passengered

F

E

Sit the duke and the duchess s luscious young girls

Within sight of the baronness seething spite for this live largesse

F

E

On her side sits the baron, her barrenness barbs her

G

D

E

And we ll all come praise the infanta

G

D

E

And we ll all come praise the infanta

(Interlude:)

Em D

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Am Bb F

F

A phalanx on camel back, thirty ranks on a forward tack

F#

F

Followed close, their shiny bright standards are waving

While behind in their coach in fours ride the wives of the king of bores

F#

F

And the veiled young virgin, the prince s betrothed

G# D# F
And we ll all come praise the infanta

G# D# F
And we ll all come praise the infanta

E F
And as she sits upon her place

E F
Her innocence laid on her face

Bb F
From all atop the parapets blow a multitude of coronets

Bb F
Melodies rhapsodical and fair

Bb F
And all our hearts afire, the sky ablaze with cannonfire

E F
We all raise our voices to the air

E
To the air

E
And above all this folderol on a bed made of chaparral

F E
She is laid, a coronal placed on her brow

And the babe all in slumber dreams of a place filled with quiet streams

F E
And a lake where her cradle was pulled from the water

G D E
And we ll all come praise the infanta

G D E
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End:

G D E

G D E

G D E