

Andrew Lloyd Webber, The Brothers Come To Egypt

""[Narrator]""

So back in Canaan the future looked rough
Jacob's family were finding it tough

""[Brothers]""

For the famine has caught us unprepared
We are thin, we are ill, we are getting scared
It's enough to make anyone weep
We are down to our very last sheep

""[Reuben]""

We will starve if we hang around here

""[Zebulun]""

But in Egypt there's food going spare

""[Asher]""

They've got corn, they've got meat
They've got fruit and drinks

""[Dan]""

And if we have the time
we could see the Sphinx

""[Narrator]""

So they finally decided to go
Off to Egypt to see brother Jo

So they all lay before Joseph's feet

""[Brothers]""

Mighty prince, give us something to eat

""[Narrator]""

Joseph found it a strain not to laugh because
Not a brother among them knew who he was

""[Joseph]""

I shall now take them all for a ride
After all they have tried fratricide

I dreamed that in the fields one day, the corn gave me sign
Your eleven sheaves of corn all turned and bowed to mine
I dreamed I saw eleven stars, the sun, the moon and sky
Bowing down before my star, and now I realise why

How do I know where you came from?

You could be spies

Telling me that you are hungry -

That could be lies

How do I know who you are?

Why do you think I should help you?

Would you help me? ("Yes!")

Why on earth should I believe you?

I've no guarantee

""[Brothers & Narrator]""

Grovel, grovel, cringe, bow, stoop, fall
Worship, worship, beg, kneel, sponge, crawl
Grovel, grovel, cringe, bow, stoop, fall
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""[Brothers]""

We are just eleven brothers,

Good men and true
Though we know we count for nothing
When up next to you
Honesty's our middle name
Life is slowly ebbing from us,
Hope's almost gone
It's getting very hard to see us
From sideways on

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""[Joseph]""
I rather like the way you're talking,
Astute and sincere
Suddenly your tragic story
It gets me right here

""[Brothers]""
This is what we hoped he'd say

""[Joseph]""
All this tugging at my heartstrings seems quite justified
I shall give you what you came for and lots more beside

""[Brothers & Narrator]""
Grovel, grovel, cringe, bow, stoop, fall
Worship, worship, beg, kneel, sponge, crawl
Thank you, thank you, cringe, bow, stoop, fall
Worship, worship, beg, kneel, sponge, crawl

""[Narrator]""
Joseph handed them sackloads of food
And they grovelled with base gratitude

""[Female Ensemble]""
Then, unseen, Joseph nipped out around the back
And planted a cup in young Benjamin's sack

""[Narrator]""
When the brothers were ready to go
Joseph turned to them all with a terrible stare and said:

""[Joseph & Ensemble]""
No! No!
No! No! No!