

Avenue Q, Tear It Up And Throw It Away

Kate:
Oh Nicky, Nicky, bad news.

Nicky:
What's the matter Kate?

Kate:
I can't go with you to the Phish concert at the Aquarium.

Nicky:
Oh no, I was looking forward to that!

Kate:
Me too.

Nicky:
Oh, why can't you come?

Kate:
I got jury duty.

Nicky:
Jury duty?

Kate:
Mm Hm.

Nicky:
Aw, Kate, you don't have to go to Jury duty.

Kate:
Yes I do. I got this summons in the mail, it says I have to go.

Nicky:
Oh, what summons?

Kate:
This one.

Nicky:
No. WHAT summons?

Kate:
THIS one.

Nicky:
No Kate you don't understand: Tear it up and throw it away.

Kate:
What?

Nicky:
Throw it away, Throw it away! Tear it up and throw it away.
And go about your day!

Kate:
Oh, I can't do that! This is an official summons.

Nicky:
Oh! An official summons. Well, why didn't you say so?
Tear it up and throw it away!

Kate:
Just. Tear it up?

Nicky:
Yeah! And throw it away!
Tear it up and throw it away, so you and I can play.

Kate:
But, isn't it my civic duty?

Nicky:
Aw! Who gives a doody? The government employees already know,
For many reasons many people just won't show.
A piece of mail's an easy thing to overlook, so just like the airlines, they overbook!

Kate: Oh!

Both:
Tear it up and throw it away! Throw it away! Throw it away!
Tear it up and throw it away,

Nicky:
It's perfectly okay.

Kate:
Ah! Oh but wait a minute, wait a minute.
It says here the penalty is 30 days in jail.

Nicky:
KATE! No one's ever gone to jail! Gone to jail! Gone to jail!
Have you ever heard of anyone who's gone to jail,

Kate:
Oh! 'Cause something got lost in the mail! OH!

Nicky: Exactly!

Both:
Tear it up and throw it away! Throw it away! Throw it away!
Tear it up and throw it away! (tear)

Nicky:
Yeah, you got it!

Kate: Did not!

Nicky:
Right!

Both:
And go about your day!

Nicky:
Only the little people do jury duty Kate!

Kate:
Yeah!