Dan Bern, Jerusalem

When I tell you that I love you

Don't test my love

Accept my love don't test my love

Cause maybe I don't love you all that much

Don't ask what kind of music I'm gonna play tonight

Just stay awhile

Hear for yourself awhile

And if you must put me in a box

Make sure it's a big box

With lots of windows

And a door to walk through

And a nice high chimney

So we can burn burn burn

Everything that we don't like

And watch the ashes

Fly up to Heaven

Maybe all the way to India

I'd like that

All the ancient kings came to my door

They said, "Do you want to be an ancient king too?"

I said, "Oh yes, very much

But I think my timing's wrong"

They said, " Time is relative

Or did you misread Einstien?"

I said, "Do you really mean it?"

They said, " What do you think we come here for

Our goddamn health or something?"

and i spent ten minutes rehersing with these guys

Everybody's waiting for the messiah

The Jews are waiting

The Christians are waiting

Also the Muslims

It's like everybody's waiting

They've been waiting a long time

I know how I hate to wait

Like even for a bus or something

An important phone call

So I can imagine

How darned impatient

Everybody must be getting

So I think it's time now

Time to reveal myself

I am the Messiah

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Yes, I think you heard me right

I am the Messiah

I was gonna wait till next year

Build up the suspense a little

Make it a really big surprise

But I could not resist

It's like when you got a really big secret

You're just bursting to tell someone

It was kinda like that with this

And now that I've told you

I feel this great weight lifted

Dr. Nusbaum was right

He's my therapist

He said get it out in the open

I spent ten whole days in Jerusalem

Mmmm Jerusalem

Sweet Jerusalem

And all I ate was olives

Nothing but olives

Mountains of olives
It was a good ten days
I like olives
I like you too
So when I tell you that I love you
Don't test my love
Accept my love
Don't test my love
'Cause maybe I don't love you all that much