

The Highwaymen, If He Came Back Again

"Jennings:"

You'd've thought a king had died,
The way those people cried,
Instead of one more broken entertainer.

"Kristofferson:"

It struck those in his trade,
He could-a had it made,
If he'd only been a little saner.

"Jennings:"

They traveled far to see him.
Oh, the humble and the high.
They said goodbye as if he were a friend.

"All:"

Now somewhere he is smilin',
On those who idolize him.
But would they not recognize him,
If he came back again?

"Nelson:"

He was born of modest means,
And had outrageous dreams.
They never let him rest till he fulfilled them.

"Cash:"

While he rode that train of song,
His devils tagged along.
The whiskey and the pills just couldn't kill him.

"Nelson:"

He didn't mean to be a rebel.

"Cash:"

No the real ones never do.

"Nelson:"

They are born apart from ordinary men.

"All:"

And somewhere he is smilin',
On those who sanctify him.
But would they not recognize him,
If he came back again?

"Jennings:"

But it's an old, familiar story.

"Kristofferson:"

But it's a damn shame nonetheless.

"Nelson:"

They don't forgive his kind,

"Cash:"

Until they lay them down to rest.

"All:"

And somewhere he is smilin',
On those who idolize him.
But would they not recognize him,
If he came back again?

If he came back again?

"Cash attempts to sing the last line again and that seems to be wrong and very funny to everyone."