

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Lyrics

1. PROLOGUE

Some folks dream of the wonders they'll do
Before their time on this planet is through
Some just don't have anything planned
They hide their hopes and their heads in the sand
Now I don't say who is wrong, who is right
But if by chance you are here for the night
Then all I need is an hour or two
To tell the tale of a dreamer like you
We all dream a lot - some are lucky, some are not
But if you think it, want it, dream it, then it's real
You are what you feel
But all that I say can be told another way
In the story of a boy whose dream came true.

ANY DREAM WILL DO

I closed my eyes,
Drew back the curtain
To see for certain
What I thought I knew
Far far away,
Someone was weeping
But the world was sleeping
Any dream will do.

I wore my coat (**I wore my coat**),
With golden lining (**ah**),
Bright colours shining (**ah**),
Wonderful and new.
And in the east (**and in the east**),
The dawn was breaking (**ah**),
And the world was waking (**ah**)
Any dream will do.

A crash of drums, a flash of light
My golden coat flew out of sight
The colours faded into darkness
(ah) I was left alone.

May I return (**may I return**)
To the beginning (**ah**),
The light is dimming (**ah**),
And the dream is too.
The world and I (**the world and I**),
We are still waiting (**ah**)
Still hesitating (**ah**)
Any dream will do
Any dream, any dream will,
Any dream, and dream will do.
Any dream, and dream will,
Any dream, any dream will do.

2A. JACOB AND SONS

Way way back many centuries ago,
Not long after the Bible began
Jacob lived in the land of Canaan,
A fine example of a family man.

Jacob, Jacob and sons,
Depended on farming to earn their keep.
Jacob, Jacob and sons,
Spent all of his days in the fields with sheep.

Jacob was the founder of a whole new nation
Thanks to the number of children he had
He was also known as Israel, but most of the time
His sons and his wives used to call him Dad.

Jacob, Jacob and sons,
Men of the soil, of the sheaf and crook
Jacob, Jacob and sons,
A remarkable family in anyone's book.

Reuben was the eldest of the children of Israel

With Simeon and Levi the next in line
Naphtali and Issachar with Asher and Dan
Zebulun and Gad took the total to nine
Jacob, Jacob and sons,
Benjamin and Judah, which leaves only one
Jacob, Jacob and sons,
Joseph - Jacob's favourite son.
Jacob, Jacob and sons.
Jacob, Jacob and sons.
Jacob, Jacob and sons.
Jacob, Jacob, Jacob,
Jacob and Sons

2B. JOSEPH'S COAT

Joseph's mother,
She was quite my favourite wife
I never really loved another all my life
And Joseph was my joy because
He reminded me of her

Through young Joseph,
Jacob lived his youth again
Loved him, praised him,
Gave him all he could,
But then it made the rest feel second best
And even if they were -

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Being told we're also-rans
Does not makes us Joseph fans.
But where they had really missed the boat is
We're great guys but no-one seems to notice

Joseph's charm and winning smile
Failed to slay them in the aisle
And his father couldn't see the danger
He could not imagine any danger
He just saw in Joseph all his dreams come true

Jacob wanted to
Show the world he loved his son
To make it clear that
Joseph was the special one
So Jacob bought his son a coat
A multi-coloured coat to wear

Joseph's coat was elegant,
The cut was fine
The tasteful style was the
Ultimate in good design
And this is why it caught the eye
A king would stop and stare

And when Joseph tried it on
He knew his sheepskin days were gone
Such a dazzling coat of many colours
How he loved his coat of many colours

(ah) In a class above the rest
(ah) It even went well with his vest
(ah) Such a stunning coat of many colours
(ah) How he loved his coat of many colours
It was red and **yellow** and **green** and
Brown and **blue**

Joseph's brothers weren't
Too pleased with what they saw
We have never liked him
All that much before
And now this coat
Has got our goat
We feel life is unfair

And when Joseph graced the scene
His brothers turned a shade of green
His astounding clothing took the biscuit
Quite the smoothest person in the district

(ah) I look handsome, I look smart
(ah) I am walking work of art
(ah) Such a dazzling coat of colours
(ah) How I love my coat of many colours

It was **red** and **yellow** and **green** and **brown**
And **scarlet** and **black** and **ochre** and **peach**
And **ruby** and **olive** and **violet** and **fawn**
And **lilac** and **gold** and **chocolate** and **mauve**
And **cream** and **crimson** and **silver** and **rose**
And **azure** and **lemon** and **russet** and **grey**
And **purple** and **white** and **pink** and **orange**
And **red** and **yellow** and **green** and **brown**
And **scarlet** and **black** and **ochre** and **peach**
And **ruby** and **olive** and **violet** and **fawn**
And **lilac** and **gold** and **chocolate** and **mauve**
And cream and crimson and silver and rose
And azure and lemon and russet and grey
And purple and white and pink and orange
And blue

3. JOSEPH'S DREAMS

Joseph's coat annoyed his brothers
But what makes us mad
Are the things that Joseph tells us of the
Dream's he often had

I dreamed that in the fields one day,
The corn gave me sign
Your eleven sheaves of corn
All turned and bowed to mine
My sheaf was quite a sight to see
A golden sheaf and tall
Yours were green and second-rate
And really rather small

This is not the kind of thing
We brothers like to hear
It seems to us that Joseph and his
Dreams should disappear

I dreamed I saw eleven stars,
The sun the moon and sky
Bowing down before my star,
It made me wonder why
Could it be that I was born
For higger thing than you?
A post in someone's government,
A ministry or two

The dreams of our dear brother are
The decade's biggest yawn
His talk of stars and goldens sheaves
Is just a load of corn

Not only is he tactless but
He's also rather dim
For there's eleven of us and
There's only one of him

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The dreams of course will not come true
That is, we think they won't come true
That is, we hope they won't come true
What if he's right all along?

The dreams are more than crystal clear,
The writing on the wall
Means that Joseph some day soon
Will rise above us all
The accuracy of the dreams
We brothers do not know
But one thing we are sure about
The dreamer, the dreamer, the dreamer, the dreamer.
The dreamer, dreamer, dreamer, dreamer,
Dreamer has to go!

4. POOR, POOR JOSEPH

Next day, far from home,
The brothers planned the repulsive crime
Let us grab him now,
Do him in, while we've got the time

This they did and made the most of it
Tore his coat and flung him in pit

Let us leave him here,
All alone, and he's bound to die
When some Ishmaelites,
A hairy crew, came riding by

In a flash the brothers changed their plan
We need cash. Let's sell him if we can

Poor, poor Joseph, what'cha gonna do?
Things look bad for you, hey, what'cha gonna do?
Poor, poor Joseph, what'cha gonna do?
Things look bad for you, hey, what'cha gonna do?

Could you use a slave,
You hairy bunch of Ishmaelites?
Young, strong, well-behaved,
Going cheap and he reads and writes

In a trice the dirty deal was done
Silver coins for Jacob's favourite son

Then the Ishmaelites
Galloped off with the slave in tow
Off to Egypt where Joseph was not keen to go
It wouldn't be a picnic he could tell
And I don't speak Egyptian very well

Joseph's brothers tore
His precious multi-coloured coat
Having ripped it up,
They next attacked a passing goat

Soon the wretched creature was no more
They dipped his coat in blood and guts and gore

Oh now brothers, how low can you stoop?
You make a sordid group, hey, how low can you stoop?
Poor, poor Joseph, sold to be a slave
Situation's grave, hey, sold to be a slave

5. ONE MORE ANGEL/HOEDOWN

Father we've something to tell you,
A story of our time
A tragic but inspiring tale
Of manhood in its prime
You know you had a dozen sons -
Well now that's not quite true
But feel no sorrow, do not grieve,
He would not want you to

There's one more angel in heaven
There's one more star in the sky
Joseph we'll never forget you
It's tough but we're gonna get by

There's one less place at our table
There's one more tear in my eye
But Joseph the things that you stood for
Like truth and light never die

When I think of his last great battle
A lump comes to my throat
It takes a man who knows no fear
To wrestle with a goat

His blood-stained coat is tribute to
His final sacrifice
His body may be past its peak
But his soul's in paradise

There's one less place at our table
There's one more tear in my eye
But Joseph the things that you stood for
Like truth and light never die

Carve his name with pride and courage
Let no tear be shed
If he had not laid down his life
We all would now be dead

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There's one more angel in heaven
There's one more star in the sky
Joseph the things that you stood for
Like truth and light never die

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6. JOURNEY TO EGYPT

Poor poor Joseph,
Sold to be a slave.
Situation's grave, hey,
Sold to be a slave.

Poor, poor Joseph,
Whatcha gonna do?
Things look bad for you, hey,
Whatcha gonna do?

Joseph was taken to Egypt in chains and sold.
Where he was bought by a Captain named
Potiphar.

6A. POTIPHAR

Potiphar had very few cares
He was one of Egypt millionaires
Having made a fortune buying shares in
Pyramids

Potiphar had made a huge pile
Owned a large percentage of the Nile
Meant that I could really live in style
And he did

Joseph was an unimportant
Slave who found he liked his master
Consequently worked much harder
Even with devotion
Potiphar could see that Joseph
Was a cut above the average
Made him leader of his household
Maximum promotion

Potiphar was cool and so fine
But my wife would never toe the line
It's all there in chapter thirty-nine
Of Genesis

She was beautiful but evil
Saw a lot of men against his will
He would have to tell her that she still was his
Was his

Joseph's looks and handsome figure
Had attracted her attention
Every morning she would beckon
Come and lie with me love

Joseph wanted to resist her,
Till one day she proved too eager
Joseph cried in vain
Please stop! I don't believe in free love

Potiphar was counting shekels
In his den below the bedroom
When he heard a mighty rumpus
Clattering above him
Suddenly he knew his riches
Couldn't buy him what he wanted
Gold would never make him happy
If she didn't love him

Letting out a mighty roar
Potiphar burst through the door

Joseph, I'll see you rot in jail
The things that you have done are beyond the
pale

Poor, poor Joseph, locked up in a cell
Things ain't going well, hey, locked up in a cell
Poor, poor Joseph, locked up in a cell
Things ain't going well, hey, locked up in a cell
Locked up in a cell

7. CLOSE EVERY DOOR

Close every door to me,
Hide all the world from me
Bar all the windows
And shut out the light

Do what you want with me,
Hate me and laugh at me
Darken my daytime
And torture my night

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If my life were important I
Would ask will I live or die
But I know the answers lie
Far from this world

Close every door to me,
Keep those I love from me
Children of Israel
Are never alone

For I know I shall find
My own peace of mind
For I have been promised
A land of my own

**Close every door to me,
Hide all the world from me
Bar all the windows
And shut out the light**

**La la la la la,
La...**

Just give me a number
Instead of my name
Forget all about me
And let me decay

I do not matter,
I'm only one person
Destroy me completely
Then throw me away
If my life were important I
Would ask will I live or die
But I know the answers lie
Far from this world

**Close every door to me,
Keep those I love from me
Children of Israel
Are never alone
For we know we shall find
Our own peace of mind
For we have been promised
A land of our own.**

8. GO, GO, GO JOSEPH

Joseph's luck was really out,
His spirit and his fortune low
Alone he sat, alone he thought
Of happy times he used to know

Prison walls were wet and black,
His chains were heavy, weighed him down.

A candle was his only light,
The hungry rats, the only sound.

Hey dreamer, don't be so upset
Hey Joseph, you're not beaten yet

Go, go, go Joseph you know what they say
Hang on now Joseph you'll make it some day
Don't give up Joseph fight till you drop
We've read the book and you come at on top
Now into Joseph's prison cell
Were flung two very frightened men
We don't think we will ever
See the light of day again

Hey Joseph, help us if you can
We've had dreams that we don't understand

Both men were servants of Pharaoh the King
Both in the doghouse for doing their thing
One was a baker, a cook in his prime
One was a butler, the Jeeves of his time

Tell me of your dreams my friends
And I will tell you what they show
Though I cannot guarantee
To get it right, I'll have a go

First the butler, trembling took the floor
Nervously he spoke of what he saw

There I was standing in front of a vine
I took some grapes and I crushed them to wine
I gave some to Pharaoh who drank from my cup
I tried to interpret but I had to give up

You will soon be free my friend
So do not worry any more
The king will let you out of here,
You'll buttle as you did before

Next the baker rose to tell his dream
Hoping it would have a similar theme

There I was standing with baskets of breads
High in the sky I saw birds overhead
Who flew to my baskets and ate every slice
Give me the message - like his would be nice

Sad to say your dream is not
The kind of dream I'd like to get
Pharaoh has it in for you,
Your execution date is set

Don't rely on all I said I saw
It's just that I have not been wrong before

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8A. GO, GO, GO JOSEPH REPRISE

Go, go, go Joseph you know what they say
Hang on now Joseph you'll make it some day
Sha la la Joseph you're doing fine
You and your dreamcoat ahead of your time

Go, go, go Joseph you know what they say
Hang on now Joseph you'll make it some day
Sha la la Joseph you're doing fine
You and your dreamcoat ahead of your time

Go, go, go Jo!
Go, go, go Jo!
Go, go, go Jo!
Go, go, go Jo!
Go, go, go, go, go, go, go Joseph you know what they say
Hang on now Joseph you'll make it some day
Sha la la Joseph you're doing fine
You and your dreamcoat ahead of your time

Go, go, go, go, go, go, go Joseph you know what they say
Hang on now Joseph you'll make it some day
Sha la la Joseph you're doing fine
You and your dreamcoat ahead of your time
Ahead of your time
Ahead of my time
Ahead of your time
Ahead of your time
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Ahead of my time
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Ahead of your time
Ahead of your time
Ahead of my time
Ahead of your time
Ahead of your time!

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Go, go, go, go Jo!
Go, go, go, go, go, go, go Joseph you know what they say
Hang on now Joseph you'll make it some day
Sha la la Joseph you're doing fine
You and your dreamcoat ahead of your time
Ahead of your time
Ahead of my time
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Ahead of your time
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10. A PHARAOH'S STORY

Pharaoh, he was a powerful man
With the ancient world in the palm of his hand
To all intents and purposes he
Was Egypt with a capital 'E'
Whatever he did he was showered with praise
If he cracked a joke then you chortled for days
No-one had rights or a
Vote but the king
In fact you might say
He was fairly right-wing

**When Pharaoh's around,
Then you get down on the ground**
If you ever find yourself near Ramases
Get down on your knees

**A Pharaoh's story,
A Pharaoh's story
A Pharaoh's story,
A Pharaoh's story**

Down at the other end of the scale
Joseph is still doing time in jail
For even though he is in with the guards
A lifetime in prison seems quite on the cards

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But if my analysis of the position is right
At the end of the tunnel there's a
glimmer of light.

For all of a sudden indescribable things
Have shattered the sleep of both peasants
and kings.

**Strange as it seems,
There's been a run of crazy dreams**
And a man who can interpret
Could go far - could become a star

**Could be famous,
Could be a big success
Could be famous,
Could be a big success**

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And a man who can interpret
Could go far, ah.
Could become a star
**Could be famous,
Could be a big success
Could be famous,
Could be a star**

11. POOR, POOR PHARAOH

Guess what? In his bed
Pharaoh had an uneasy night
He had had a dream
That pinned him to his sheets with fright
No-one knew the meaning of this dream
What to do, whatever could it mean?

Then his buttler said I know of a bloke in jail
Who is hot on dreams,
Could explain old Pharaoh's tale

Pharaoh said
Well fetch this Joseph man
I need him to help me if he can

Poor, poor Pharaoh, what'cha gonna do
Dreams are hanting you, hey, what'cha gonna
do

Chained and bound, afraid, alone
Joseph stood before the throne

My service to Pharaoh has begun
Tell me your problems, mighty one.

SONG OF THE KING

Well I was wandering along by the banks of
the river
When seven fat cows came up out of the Nile,
uh-huh

Bap shu wa du wa bap bap shu wa du wa
And right behind these fine healthy animals
came

Seven other cows, skinny and vile, uh-huh

Bap shu wa du wa bap bap shu wa du wa

(ah) Well the thin cows ate the fat cows which
I Thought would do them good, uh-huh

Bap shu wa du wa bap bap shu wa du wa

But it didn't make them fatter like such
A monster supper should

Bap shu wa du wa bap bap shu wa du wa

(ah) The thin cows were as thin

(ah) As they had ever, ever, ever been

Well this dream has got me baffled

Hey, Joseph, won't you tell me what it means?

(ah) Now you know that kings ain't stupid

(ah) But I don't have a clue

(ah) So don't be cruel Joseph

(ah) Help me I beg of you

Well I was standing doing nothing in a field out
of town

When I saw seven beautiful ears of corn, uh-
huh

Bap shu wa du wa bap bap shu wa du wa

They were ripe, they were golden and

You've guessed it,

Right behind them came seven other ears

Tattered and torn, uh-huh

Bap shu wa du wa bap bap shu wa du wa

(ah) Well the bad corn ate the good corn

Man they came up from behind yes they did

Bap shu wa du wa bap bap shu wa du wa

Now Joseph here's the punch line

It's really gonna blow your mind

Bap shu wa du wa bap bap shu wa du wa

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(ah) Well the bad corn was
(ah) As bad as it had ever, ever, ever been

This dream has got me all shook up
Treat me nice and tell me what it means

Hey, hey, hey Joseph (ba, ba, ba...)
Won't you tell poor old Pharaoh (ba, ba, ba...)
What does this crazy dream mean? (ba, ba, ba...)
Oh yeah!

11A. SONG OF THE KING REPRISE

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When seven fat cows came up out of the Nile,
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[DANCE BREAK]

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12. PHARAOH'S DREAMS EXPLAINED

Seven years of bumper crops are on their way
Years of plenty, endless wheat and toms of hay
Your farms will boom, there won't be room
To store the surplus food you grow

After that, the future doesn't look so bright
Egypt's luck will change completely overnight
And famine's hand will stalk the land
With food an all-time low

Noble king, there is no doubt
What your dreams are all about
All these things you saw in your pyjamas
Are a long-range forecast for your farmers

And I'm sure it's crossed your mind
What it is you have to find
Find a man to lead you through the famine
With a flair for economic planning

But who this man could be I just don't know
Who this man could be I just don't know
Who this man could be I just don't know
Who this man could be I just don't know
Who this man could be I just don't know!

13. STONE THE CROWS

Pharaoh said - Well stone the crows,
This Joseph is a clever kid
Who'd have thought that fourteen cows

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Could mean the things he said they did?
Joseph, you must help me further;
I have found a job for you
You shall lead us through this crisis -
You shall be my number two
Pharaoh told his guards to fetch
A chisel from the local store
Whereupon he ordered them
To cut the chains that Joseph wore
Joseph got a royal pardon
And a host of splendid things
A chariot of gold, a cloak,
A medal and some signet rings

Joseph (**Joseph**)
Pharaoh's number two
(Pharaoh's number two)
Joseph (**Joseph**)
Egypt looks to you
(Egypt looks to you)
Joseph (**Joseph**)
Pharaoh's number two
(Pharaoh's number two)
Joseph (**Joseph**)
Egypt looks to you, Joseph!
(Egypt looks to, ah)
Joseph, Narrator & Female Ensemble

Seven summers on the trot
Were perfect just as Joseph said
Joseph saw that food was gathered
Ready for the years ahead
Seven years of famine followed
Egypt didn't mind a bit
The first recorded rationing
In history was a hit

Joseph how can we ever say
All that we want to about you?
We're so glad that you came our way
We would have perished without you

Joseph we are the perfect team
Old buddies, that's you and me
I was wise to have chosen you
You'll be wise to agree

Joseph how can we ever say
All that we want to about you?
We're so glad that you came our way
We would have perished without you

We were in a jam
Would have baffled Abraham
But now we're a partnership
It's just a piece of cake

Greatest man since Noah
Only goes to shoah
Anyone from anywhere can make it
If they get a lucky break

This could be a happy ending,
Perfect place to stop the show
Joseph after all has gone
About as far as he can go
But I'm sure that Jacob and
His other sons have crossed your mind
How had famine hit the family
Joseph left behind?

14. THOSE CANAAN DAYS

Do you remember the good years in Canaan?
The summers were endlessly gold
The fields were a patchwork of clover
The winters were never too cold

We'd stroll down the boulevards together
And everything round us was fine
Now the fields are dead and bare
No joie de vivre anywhere
Et maintenant we drink a bitter wine

Those Canaan days we used to know
Where have they gone, where did they go?
Et bien, raise your berets
To those Canaan days

Do you remember those wonderful parties?
The splendour of Canaan's cuisine
Our extravagant, elegant soirees
The gayest the Bible has seen

It's funny but since we lost Joseph
We've gone to the other extreme
No-one comes to dinner now
We only eat them anyhow
I even find I'm missing Joseph's dreams

Those Canaan days we used to know
Where have they gone, where did they go?
Et bien, raise your berets
To those Canaan days

It's funny but since we lost Joseph
We've gone to the other extreme
Perhaps we all misjudged the lad
Perhaps he wasn't quite that bad
And how we miss his entertaining dreams

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Where have they gone, where did they go?
Et bien, raise your berets

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[DANCE BREAK]

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15. THE BROTHERS CAME TO EGYPT/ GROVEL, GROVEL

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

We will starve if we hang around here
But in Egypt there's food going spare
They've got corn, they've got meat
They've got fruit and drinks
And if we have the time
We could see the Sphinx
So they finally decided to go
Off to Egypt to see brother Jo

So they all lay before
Joseph's feet
Mighty prince, give us something to eat
Joseph found it a strain
Not to laugh because
Not a brother among them
Knew who he was
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?
Why on earth should I believe you?
I've no guarantee

Grovel, grovel, cringe, bow, stoop, fall
Worship, worship, beg, kneel, sponge, crawl
Grovel, grovel, cringe, bow, stoop, fall
Worship, worship, beg, kneel, sponge, crawl

We are just eleven brothers,
Good men and true
Though we know we count for nothing
When up next to you

Honesty's are middle name
Life is slowly ebbing from us,
Hope's almost gone
It's getting very hard to see us
From sideways on

Grovel, grovel, cringe, bow, stoop, fall
Worship, worship, beg, kneel, sponge, crawl

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

This is what we hoped he'd say
All this tugging at my heartstrings
Seems quite justified
I shall give you what you came for
And lots more beside

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

Joseph handed them sackloads of food
And they grovelled with base gratitude

Then, unseen, Joseph nipped out around the
back
And planted a cup in young Benjamin's sack
When the brothers were ready to go

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Joseph turned to them all
With a terrible stare and said

No!
No!
No!
No!

16. WHO'S THE THEIF?

No!
Stop! You robbers -
Your little number's up
One of you has stolen
My precious golden cup

Joseph started searching
Through his brothers' sacks
Everyone was nervous,
No-one could relax

Who's the thief? Who's the thief?
Who's the thief? Who's the thief?

Is it Reuben? **No!**
Is it Simeon? **No!**
Is it Naphtali? **No!**
Is it Dan? **No!**
Is it Asher? **No!**
Is it Isaachar? **No!**
Is it Levi? **No!**
Who's the man? **No!**
Is it Zebulun? **No!**
Is it Gad? **No!**
Is it Judah? **No!**
Is it him?

Could it be, could it be
Could it be, could it be
Could it be, could it be

Could i possibly be Benjamin?
Yes. Yes. Yes!

Benjamin, you nasty youth,
Your crime has shocked me to the core
Never in my whole career
Have I encountered this before.

Guards, seize him! Lock him in a cell
Throw the key into the Nile as well

Each of the brothers fell to his knees
Show him some mercy, oh mighty one please
He would not do this, he must have been
framed.

Jail us and beat us, we should be blamed.

17. BENJAMIN CALYPSO/ 18. JOSEPH ALL THE TIME

Oh no.
Not he.
How can you accuse him is a mystery
Save him - take me
Benjamin is straighter than the tall palm tree

I hear the steel drums sing their song
They're singing man you know you've got it
wrong
I hear the voice of the yellow bird
Singing in the tree this is quite absurd

Oh yes, oh yes
It's true, it's true
Benjamin is straighter than the big bamboo
No ifs, no ifs
No buts, no buts
Benjamin is honest as coconuts

Sure as the tide wash the golden sand
Benjamin is an innocent man
Sure as bananas need the sun
We are the criminal guilty ones

Oh no, oh no.
Not he, not he.
How can you accuse him is a mystery
Save him, save him
Take me, take me
Benjamin is straighter than the tall palm tree

La, la, la, la, la...
La, la, la, la, la...

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Benjamin is an innocent man
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La, la, la, la, la...

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please.
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framed.
Jail us and beat us, we should be blamed.

18. JOSEPH ALL THE TIME

Joseph knew by this his brothers now were
honest men
The time had come at last to reunite them all
again

Can't you recognise my face? Is it had to see
That Joseph, who you thought was dead,
your brother, it is me.

Joseph, Joseph, is it really true?
Joseph, Joseph, is it really you?
Joseph, Joseph!

19. JACOB IN EGYPT

So Jacob came to Egypt,
No longer feeling old
And Joseph came to meet him
In his chariot of gold.
Of gold.
Of gold.
Of gold!

20. ANY DREAM WILL DO FINALE

I closed my eyes,
Drew back the curtain
To see for certain
What I thought I knew
Far far away,
Someone was weeping
But the world was sleeping
Any dream will do.

I wore my coat (**I wore my coat**),
With golden lining (**ah**),
Bright colours shining (**ah**),
Wonderful and new.
And in the east (**and in the east**),
The dawn was breaking (**ah**),
And the world was waking (**ah**)

Any dream will do.

A crash of drums, a flash of light
My golden coat flew out of sight
The colours faded into darkness
I was left alone.

May I return (**may I return**)
To the beginning (**ah**),
The light is dimming (**ah**),
And the dream is too (**and the dream is too**).
The world and I (**the world and I**),
We are still waiting (**ah**)
Still hesitating (**ah**)
Any dream will do.
Still hesitating (**ah**)
Any dream will do.

May I return (**may I return**)
To the beginning (**ah**),
The light is dimming (**ah**),
And the dream is too (**and the dream is too**).
The world and I (**the world and I**),
We are still waiting (**ah**)
Still hesitating (**ah**)
Any dream will do.

(**ah**) Give me my coloured coat,
(**ah**) My amazing coloured coat.
(**ah**) Give me my coloured coat,
My amazing coloured coat.

21. CLOSE EVERY DOOR REPRISÉ

Close every door to me,
Hide all the world from me
Bar all the windows
And shut out the light

Do what you want with me,
Hate me and laugh at me
Darken my daytime
And torture my night

If my life were important I
Would ask will I live or die
But I know the answers lie
Far from this world

Close every door to me,
Keep those I love from me
Children of Israel
Are never alone

For I know I shall find

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My own peace of mind
For I have been promised
A land of my own

**Close every door to me,
Hide all the world from me
Bar all the windows
And shut out the light**

**La la la la la,
La...**

If my life were important I
Would ask will I live or die
But I know the answers lie
Far from this world

**Close every door to me,
Keep those I love from me
Children of Israel
Are never alone
For we know we shall find
Our own peace of mind
For we have been promised
A land of our own.**

MEGAMIX

Jacob. Jacob and sons
Ah ah ah ah ah
Jacob. Jacob and sons
Ah ah ah ah ah
Jacob. Jacob and sons
Jacob, Jacob, Jacob
Jacob and sons

**Red, yellow, green, brown,
Scarlet, black, ocher, peach,
Ruby, olive, violet, fawn,
Lilac, gold, chocolate, mauve,
Cream, crimson, silver, rose,
Azure, lemon, russet, grey,
Purple, white, pink, orange,
Red, yellow, green, brown,
Scarlet, black, ocher, peach,
Ruby, olive, violet, fawn,
Lilac, gold, chocolate, mauve,
Cream and crimson and silver and rose
And azure and lemon and russet and grey
And purple and white and pink and orange
And blue!**

There's one more angel in heaven
There's one more star in the sky
Joseph we'll never forget you
It's tough but we're gonna get by
There's one more angel in heaven
There's one more star in the sky
Joseph the things that you stood for
Like truth and light never die

**Go, go, go Joseph you know what they say
Hang on now Joseph you'll make it some
day
Sha la la Joseph you're doing fine
You and your dreamcoat ahead of your
time**

**Go, go, go Joseph you know what they say
Hang on now Joseph you'll make it some
day
Sha la la Joseph you're doing fine
You and your dreamcoat ahead of your
time**

**Go, go, go Joseph you know what they say
Hang on now Joseph you'll make it some
day
Sha la la Joseph you're doing fine
You and your dreamcoat ahead of your
time**

**A Pharaoh's story, a Pharaoh's story
A Pharaoh's story, a Pharaoh's story
Strange as it seems
There's been a run of crazy dreams
And a man who can interpret
Could go far, ah, ah.
Could become a star
Could be famous, could be a big success
Could be famous, could be a big success
Could be famous, could be a big success
Could be famous, could be a big success**

Joseph (**Joseph**)
Pharaoh's number two
(**Pharaoh's number two**)
Joseph (**Joseph**)
Egypt looks to you
(**Egypt looks to you**)
Joseph (**Joseph**)
Pharaoh's number two
(**Pharaoh's number two**)
Joseph (**Joseph**)
Egypt looks to Joseph
(**Egypt looks to, ah**)

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Well I was wandering along by the banks of
the river
When seven fat cows came up out of the Nile,
uh-huh

Bap shu wa du wa bap bap shu wa du wa
And right behind these fine healthy animals
came
Seven other cows, skinny and vile, uh-huh
Bap shu wa du wa bap bap shu wa du wa

(ah) Well the thin cows ate the fat cows which
I Thought would do them good, uh-huh
Bap shu wa du wa bap bap shu wa du wa
But it didn't make them fatter like such
A monster supper should
Bap shu wa du wa bap bap shu wa du wa

(ah) The thin cows were as thin
(ah) As they had ever, ever, ever been
Well this dream has got me baffled
Hey, Joseph, won't you tell me what it means?

(ah) Now you know that kings ain't stupid
(stupid!)
(ah) But I don't have a clue **(clue!)**
(ah) So don't be cruel Joseph **(Joseph!)**
(ah) Help me I beg of you

So back in Canaan the future looked rough
Jacob's family were finding it tough
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
We will starve if we hang around here
And in Egypt there's food going spare
They've got corn, they've got meat
They've got fruit and drinks
And if we have the time
We could see the Sphinx

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

Oh no, oh no.
Not he, not he.
How can you accuse him is a mystery
Save him, save him
Take me, take me
Benjamin is straighter than the tall palm tree

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Of gold!

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(ah) My amazing colored coat
(ah) Give me my colored coat
My amazing colored coat!