

The Palace of Versailles

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The wands of smoke are rising
From the walls of the Bastille
And through the streets of Paris
Runs a sense of the unreal

The kings have all departed
There servants are nowhere
We burned out all their mansions
In the name of Robespierre

And still we wait to see the day begin
Our time is wasting in the wind
Wondering why, wondering why, it echoes
Through the lonely palace of Versailles

Inside the midnight councils
The lamps are burning low
Oh, you sit and talk all through the night
But there's just no place to go

And Bonaparte is coming
With his army from the South
Marat your days are numbered
And we live hand to mouth

While we wait to see the day begin
Our time is wasting in the wind
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Ghost of revolution
Still prowls the Paris streets
Down all the restless centuries
It wonders incomplete

It speaks inside the cheap red wine
Of cafe summer nights
Its red and amber voices call
The cars at traffic lights

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