

# We Could Be Kings

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So this is rejection  
And it's bringing you down  
He told you that he'd find work soon  
Then he stopped coming around

That was the summer of sweet nights  
He used to take you for rides  
But it all changed in the backseat  
When he came inside

Well I've seen enough to know he's old enough to know  
His right from wrong  
But I know how hard it is to see things through

Oh no did it rip you apart  
To be told we could be kings when we were damned from the start?  
Oh no did it rip you apart  
They told us we could be kings when we were damned, damned from the start

You told him you loved him  
But push had come to shove  
And there are no easy answers  
Mixing money and blood

He was too young to know better  
And we were all unemployed  
The sergeant promised a cake walk  
But then he got deployed

I've seen enough, enough to know  
It's not about which side you're on  
I know how hard it is to keep it in

Oh no did it rip you apart  
To be told we could be kings when we were damned from the start?  
I know that it ripped you apart  
They told us we could be kings when we were damned, damned from the start

We've been living to the left of the dial  
Hoping drinks and denial can keep us here  
I'm not promising you some bright side  
Or trying to break your stride  
But you asked me, you asked me

He was gone in an instant  
They said nobody was spared  
Not gonna tell you he loved you  
Not gonna tell you he cared  
(You asked me, you asked me)

Well I've seen enough, enough to know  
Sometimes with the truth you gotta let it go  
I know how hard it is to keep it in  
(You asked me, you asked me)  
(You asked me)

I won't go and rip you apart

Won't tell you "you could be king"  
I don't want to break your heart

I won't go and rip you apart  
So open wide and just sing  
'Cause we're all damned  
Open wide and just sing  
'Cause we're all damned, damned from the start

We're damned from the start