

Waiting

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[chorus:]

Everybody just a-waitin' an' a-waitin'
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Everybody just a-waitin' an' a waitin' and a-waitin'
Everybody just waitin' their time away

Some are waitin' for the county fair
some are waitin' for a guy name Joe comin' in
Joe's comin' in from the coast
You know, haven't seen ol' Joe for a real long time.
I hope that Joe's got news that things been goin' better out there
than they have been 'roun' here,
Everythin's been a little slow in the middle.

Everybody, I mean everybody, I mean everybody, I mean
Everybody been a-waitin' [repeat chorus]

Some are waitin' for their sandwich
Some are waitin' on tables
An' then the tables
Ah the tables they get real inspired an' they get up an' they start
dancin' that boogaloo with the chairs
Salt an' pepper shaker keepin' time
Window shade rollin' up, rollin' down
Seems like some of those tables and chairs got a lot more spunk than the
people sittin' in 'em, at 'em, all arou' 'em

everybody, everybody, everybody, everybody
I mean...
[repeat chorus]

Waitin' for a bran' new day.

Some are waitin' for a truck to come
Some are waitin' for a bus to stop, take 'em out to San Francisco
Jus' about twelve years ago
So they can walk into little paperback store
Look at a big glossy oversize paperback book
All about the Wheel of Time an' mantras
An' Baba Ram Dass, Baba Ram Dass, Baba Ram....
Gonna tell ya' what it's all about.
Maybe some a' you read about it in a magazine
Maybe some of you were there making the scene
We didn' know, we didn' know
I swear,
we didn' know that we was jus' waiting for now.

Yeah, but, everybody been a-waitin' an' a-waitin'
Everybody been a-waitin' an' a-waitin'
an' a-waitin' an' a-waitin' an' a-waitin', heavy waitin'
Waitin' in the water, jus' like John
Everybody been waitin' their time away.

Some are waitin' for a new kind of lover
Some are waitin' to move it on over to a new kind-a job,
You know, even ol' Tom Waits is
you know, you know even ol', you know (sinks into Tom Waits voice)

you know even ol', you know even,
you know even ol' Tom Waits, uh.....
you know even ol' Tom Waits has been.....
you know even ol' Tom Waits has been waitin'

He been waitin' down by the docks,
diners, uh.....
gotta copy of the poems of Jacques Prevert or sumthin.....
back pocket, he's waitin' down.....
Lookin' for a blond to come in with big tits an' bad teeth.....
uh, ah waitin' aroun'.....
bee bop diddily uh kee bop
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He's waitin' for his voice to clear up!

So he can say "good mornin'" to some real, original, authentic wino-type guy,
ya' know a lotta people might look like a wino these days
but you gotta check 'em out,
gotta get a wino card.
Say "good mornin'" to 'em an' then that wino guy.....he's.....
he looks at Tom an' then he says.....
I ain't gonna say what he says.....
but....
Tom, he writes it down in a little book,
writes it all down in a little book,
doin' awright, doin' awright, doin'-an-a-doin'-an-a-doin' awright
Jus' waitin' his time away.

Some are waitin' for the new Galileo
Some are waitin' for the new Picasso
Some are waitin' for the new Mr. Freud
He was 'sposed to be here about an hour ago.
I was hopin' he could clear up for us jus' what's so funny about this
garbage disposal we got here's
We know it means more than just a garbage disposal, it's a....
It's a symbol, it could be a metaphor,
might be a simile,
We gotta wait 'til Sigmund gets here.....

[repeat chorus]

Some are waitin' for the green
Some are waitin' for the blue
Some are waitin' for the green, some are waitin' for the blue.....
You been waitin' for me, I been waitin' for you.

But then now you know
[repeat chorus]