

The Limelight Fades Away

The Alan Parsons Project

Sleight of hand, a twist of fate
A story told by the cards in play
Kings and Queens, and Aces Four
Timeless secrets from days of yore

Praise from the crown as he takes his bow
The jesters alone when the lights go down
He's suffering in silence
Can the magical spell be broken?

The limelight fades away
You disappear in a grand illusion
Whatever game you play
Your fate will lie in a fool's delusion
3-2-1
And now your gag is done
The limelight fades away

An ageless art, the modern age
Timeless trade on a glitzy stage
Prying eyes that you deplore
The one reveal you can't afford
Every move is so controlled
Never the secret can be told
The burden is precious
And the vow remains unbroken

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You disappear in a grand illusion
Whatever game you play
Your fate will lie in a fool's delusion
1-2-3
You're gonna cease to be

Step right up, it's amazing
Feast your eyes on the stage
Watch the man right before you
Vanish in a mystical haze

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Whatever game you play
Your fate will lie in a fool's delusion
When the glow dies down
Is there salvation found?
It's coming down, down, down...