**Act 2 – Pharoah Story**

1. 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 Ramses,

Get down on your knees
A Pharaoh story, a Pharaoh story

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2. 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

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 there’s been visions and things
Disturbing 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

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**Poor Poor Pharoah + Song of the King**

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 butler said
(Butler) "I know of a bloke in jail
Who is hot on dreams
Could explain old Pharaoh's tale"

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

Poor, poor Pharaoh
Whatcha gonna do?
Dreams are haunting you, hey
Whatcha gonna do?

Chained and bound; afraid, alone
Joseph stood before the throne
(Joseph) My service to Pharaoh has begun
Tell me your problems, mighty one

(Pharoah)Well I was wandering along

by the banks of the river
When seven fat cows came on 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 that were skinny and vile, uh-huh

(Bap shu wa du wa, bap bap shu wa du wa)
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

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

Well you know that kings ain't stupid
But I don't have a clue
So don't be cruel Joseph
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 but you've guessed it,
Right behind them came seven other ears
 that were tattered and torn, uh-huh

(Bap shu wa du wa, bap bap shu wa du wa)

Then the bad corn ate the good corn
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

Well the bad corn was
As bad as it had ever, ever, ever been
Well this dream has got me all shook up
Treat me nice and tell me what it means

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

 **Pharoah’s Dreams Explained**

(Joseph, spoken) Well…

(Sings) Seven years of bumper crops are on their way
Years of plenty endless wheat and tons 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 over night
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 pajamas
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

**Stone the Crows**

Pharaoh said
(Pharoah) "Well, stone the crows!

This Joseph is a clever kid!
Who'd have thought that fourteen cows
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
Where upon 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
Joseph! (Joseph!)
Egypt looks to you

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 did not mind a bit
The first recorded rationing in history was a hit!

(Choir)*Joseph how can we ever say
All that we want to about you
We're so glad that you came our way
We should have perished without you*

(Pharoah)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

(choir) *Joseph how can we ever say
All that we want to about you
We're so glad that you came our way
We should have perished without you*

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

(choir) *Greatest man since Noah*

*Only goes to show-ah*

*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 got 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?

**Those Canaan Days (Starfish)**

1. 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 strolled down the boulevard 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?*

*Eh bien, raise your berets to those Canaan days*

1. Do you remember those wonderful parties?

The splendour of Canaan's cuisine

Our extravagant, elegant soirees

The greatest 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'd 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?*

*Eh bien, raise your berets to those Canaan days*

1. 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

*Those Canaan days we used to know*

*Where have they gone, where did they go?*

*Eh bien, raise your berets to those Canaan days*

**The Brothers Come 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 (here we 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

(Joseph) 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? (Yes!)
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 our 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
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Worship, worship
Beg, kneel, sponge, crawl

(Joseph) 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 you'd say

(Joseph) All this tugging at my heartstrings
Seems quite justified
I shall give you what you came for
And lots more beside

Thank you, thank you
cringe, bow, stoop, fall
Worship, worship
Beg, kneel, sponge, crawl

Joseph handed them sack-loads 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
Joseph turned to them all
With a terrible stare and said
(Joseph) No! No!
No! No! No!

**Who’s The Thief?**

(Joseph) 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 Napthali? No!
Is it Dan? No!
Is it Asher? No!
Is it Isaachar? No!
Is it Levi? No!
Who's the man?
Is it Zebulon? 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 it possibly be Benjamin?
Yes! Yes! Yes!

(Joseph) 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 keys 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 that, he must have been framed
Jail us and beat us, we should blamed

La la la la

La la la la

La la la la

La la la la

**Benjamin Calypso (Penguins)**

Oh no—not he!
How you can 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 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 you can 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-la-la-la, la-la
La-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la-la!
La-la-la-la-la, la-la

**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

(Joseph) Can't you recognize my face? Is it hard to see
That Joseph who you thought was dead, your brother
is me
Joseph, Joseph, is it really true?
Joseph, Joseph, is it really you?
Joseph, Joseph

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!

**Any Dream Will Do**

Joseph) 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-ah-ah)
Bright colors shining (ah-ah), wonderful and new
And in the East (and in the east),

the dawn was breaking (ah-ah-ah)
And the world was waking (ah-ah)
Any dream will do

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

May I return (may I return), to the beginning (ah-ah-ah)
The light is dimming (ah-ah) and the dream is too
The world and I (the world and I),

we are still waiting (ah-ah-ah)
Still hesitating (ah-ah)
Any dream will do

Give me my coloured coat

My amazing coloured coat

Give me my coloured coat

My amazing coloured coat

(Massive applause)