

The Entertainer

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I am the entertainer
And I know just where I stand
 Another serenader
And another long-haired band
 Today I am your champion
 I may have won your hearts
But I know the game, you'll forget my name
 And I won't be here in another year
 If I don't stay on the charts

I am the entertainer
 I'm dressed in the style
 I wear all kinds of sparkles
 I flash the crowd my smile
 But when the night is over
 And I stand without my clothes
 Perspiration stains and varicose veins
 My eyes look shot
 My belly's got a pot
 And there's a pimple on my nose

I am the entertainer
 Been all around the world
 I've played all kinds of palaces
 And laid all kinds of girls
 I can't remember faces
 I don't remember names
 Ah, but what the hell
 You know it's just as well
'Cause after a while and a thousand miles
 It all becomes the same

I am the entertainer
 I bring to you my songs
 I'd like to spend a day or two
 I can't stay that long
 No, I've got to meet expenses
 I got to stay in line
 Gotta get those fees to the agencies

And I'd love to stay but there's bills to pay
So I just don't have the time

I am the entertainer
I come to do my show
You've heard my latest record
It's been on the radio
Ah, it took me years to write it
They were the best years of my life
It was a beautiful song
But it ran too long
If you're gonna have a hit
You gotta make it fit
So they cut it down to 3:05

I am the entertainer
The idol of my age
I make all kinds of money
When I go on the stage
Ah, you've seen me in the papers
I've been in the magazines
But if I go cold I won't get sold
I'll get put in the back in the discount rack
Like another can of beans

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