

Rock the Casbah

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Now the King told the boogie men
You have to let that raga drop
The oil down the desert way
Has been shakin' to the top
The Sheik he drove his Cadillac
He went a cruisin' down the ville
The Muezzin was a standing
On the radiator grilleThe Sharif don't like it
Rockin' the Casbah
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The Sharif don't like it
Rockin' the Casbah
Rockin' the CasbahBy order of the Prophet
We ban that boogie sound
Degenerate the faithful
With that crazy Casbah sound
But the Bedouin they brought out
The electric camel drum
The local guitar picker
Got his guitar picking thumb
As soon as the Sharif had cleared the square
They began to wailThe Sharif don't like it
Rockin' the Casbah
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The Sharif don't like it
Rockin' the Casbah
Rockin' the CasbahNow over at the temple
Oh, they really pack 'em in
The in crowd say it's cool
To dig this chanting thing
But as the wind changed direction
Then the temple band took five
The crowd caught a whiff
Of that crazy Casbah jiveThe Sharif don't like it
Rockin' the Casbah
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The Sharif don't like it
Rockin' the Casbah
Rockin' the CasbahThe King called up his jet fighters

He said you better earn your pay
Drop your bombs between the Minarets
Down the Casbah way
As soon as the Sharif was chauffeured outta there
The jet pilots tuned to the cockpit radio blare
As soon as the Sharif was outta their hair
The jet pilots wailedThe Sharif don't like it
Rockin' the Casbah
Rockin' the Casbah
The Sharif don't like it
Rockin' the Casbah
Rockin' the CasbahThe Sharif don't like it
He thinks it's not kosher
Rockin' the Casbah
Rockin' the Casbah
The Sharif don't like it
Fundamentally he can't take it
Rockin' the Casbah
Rockin' the Casbah
The Sharif don't like it
You know he really hates it
Rockin' the Casbah
Rockin' the Casbah
The Sharif don't like it

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