

Johnny Ryall

Beastie Boys

Johnny Ryall is the bum on my stoop
I gave him fifty cents to buy some soup
He knows the time, with the fresh Gucci watch
He's even more over than my mayor Ed Koch
Washing windows on the Bowery at a quarter to four
'Cause he ain't gonna work on Maggie's Farm no more
Living on borrowed time and borrowed money
Sleepin' in the street there ain't a damn thing funny
With the hand me down food and hand me down clothes
A rockabilly past of which nobody knows
Makes his home all over the place
He goes to sleep by falling down on his face
Sometimes known as the leader of the homeless
Sometimes drunk, man that kid's always phoneless
Sleepin' on the street in a cardboard box
Better off drinkin' than smokin' the rocks
Johnny Ryall, Johnny Ryall
(Kickin' uptown, kickin' downtown, kickin' crosstown)
Johnny Ryall, Johnny Ryall
He drinks where he lies, he's covered with flies
He's got the hand me down Pumas and the tie dyes
Well, you go upstate you get your head together
Thunderbird is the word and you're light as a feather
Detox at the flop house, no booze allowed
Remember the good old days with the rockabilly crowd
Memphis is where he's from
He lives in the street but he's no bum
He's a rockabilly star from the days of old
He used to have teeth all filled with gold
He got a platinum voice but only gold records
On the bass was boots on the drums was checkers
Luis Vuitton with the Gucci guitar
Johnny Ryall, who do you think you are?
Johnny Ryall, Johnny Ryall
(Drinking Night Train, drinkin' OE)
Johnny Ryall, Johnny Ryall
Donald Trump and Donald Tramp living in the Men's Shelter
Wonder Bread bag shoes, and singing Helter Skelter
He asks for a dollar, you know what it's for
Man, bottle after bottle, he always needs more
He's no less important than you working class stiff
He drinks a lot of liquor but he don't drink piss
He paid his dues, playing the blues
He claims that he wrote the Blue Suede Shoes
Elvis shaved his head when he went to the army
That's right y'all his name is Johnny
(Kick it) Johnny Ryall, Johnny Ryall
Johnny Ryall, Johnny Ryall {Check the cool wax }

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