## **Jerusalem**

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When I tell you that I love you don't test my love

Accept my love, don't test my love

'Cause maybe I don't love you all that muchDon't ask what kind of music I'm gonna play tonight

Just stay a while, hear for yourself a while

And if you must put me in a box, make sure it's a big box

With lots of windows and a door to walk throughAnd a nice high chimney so we can burn, burn Everything that we don't like

And watch the ashes fly up to Heaven

Maybe all the way to India, I'd like that All the ancient kings came to my door

They said, "Do you want to be an ancient king too?"

I said, "Oh yes, very much, but I think my timing's wrong"

They said, "Time is relative or did you misread Einstein?"

I said, "Do you really mean it?"

They said, "What do you think we come here for

Our goddamn health or something?"Everybody's waiting for the Messiah, the Jews are waiting

Christians are waiting, also the Muslims

It's like everybody's waiting, they've been waiting a long time

I know how I hate to wait like even for a bus or somethingAn important phone call so I can just imagine

How darned impatient everybody must be getting

So I think it's time now, time to reveal myself

I am the Messiah, I am the MessiahYes, I think you heard me right, I am the Messiah

I was gonna wait till next year, build up the suspense a little

Make it a really big surprise but I could not resist

It's like when you got a really big secret

You're just bursting to tell someoneIt was sort like that with this

And now that I've told you, I feel this great weight lifted

Dr. Nusbaum was right, he's my therapist

He said get it out in the openI spent ten whole days in Jerusalem, mmm Jerusalem

Sweet Jerusalem and all I ate was olives, nothing but olives

Mountains of olives, it was a good ten days

I like olives, I like you tooSo when I tell you that I love you don't test my love

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