## If Dirt Were Dollars

## **Don Henley**

Walkin like a millionaire, smilin like a king

He leaned his shopping cart against the wall

He said, "I been a lot of places and I seen a lot of things

But, sonny, I seen one thing that beats em allI was flyin back from Lubbock, I saw Jesus on the plane

Or maybe it was Elvis, you know, they kinda look the same"

Hey, hey look out, Junior, youre steppin on my bed

I said, "I dont see nothin", he just glared at me and said If dirt were dollars

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I wouldnt worry anymore", noLookin like a beauty queen, loyal as a wife

She raised her little voice and testified

She said, "I am a good girl, Ive been one all my life"

But her virtue was as swollen as her prideShe shouldve had the Oscar, she must have been miscast Her fifteen minutes went by so fast

I said, "Now, baby, have you got no shame?"

She just looked at me, uncomprehendingly like cows at a passing trainIf dirt were dollars

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I wouldnt worry anymore, noWe got the bully pulpit and the poisoned pen

We got a press no better than the public men

This brave new world, gone bad againGods finest little creatures looking brave and strong

Whistling past the graveyard, nothing can go wrong

Quoting from the scriptures with patriotic tears

We got the same old men with the same old fearsStanding at attention wrapped in stars and stripes

They hear the phantom drummers and the nonexistent pipes

These days the buck stops nowhere, no one takes the blame

But evil is still evil in anybodys nameIf dirt were dollars

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Wed all be in the blackIf dirt were dollars

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