

Pipe Thoughts & Tea *(Track 9 on Fable - Live at the Odeum Theater)*

"Once upon a time" the story goes
A frog becomes a prince and wins the rose
In a prison made of straw the time was froze
'Til Rumpelstiltskin was the name she chose
A naked king rode through the town of old
And all the folks admired his new clothes
...Or so it goes

So the hatter had a party in a grove
He invited all his friends to tea and toast
But the Rabbit had no time like them and most
So he sadly begged forgiveness of his host
And Dulcinea missed her turn to dance
While windmills took a tilting with a lance
...Or so it goes

So the young men took to turning in the road
And once upon a time the men they'd grown
And the stories took new meaning sung or told
Like the ones who chose to tell them growing old
We sit and earn our living singing rhyme
And we share our tea and pipes and thoughts and time
...And so it goes

The half-light brings a message to the wren
And swiftly rows our time toward the end
Like the smitty at the anvil nearly lost
This is a storyteller's lot at such a cost
Oh but 'round the wheel we'll turn another throw
And off into your daydreams we will go
...And so it goes

Written by John Crafton Jr. & J.Q. Crafton. Arranged by John Crafton Jr. Produced and recorded by John Spreier live at the Odeum Theater in East Greenwich, Rhode Island on September 19, 1998. Bass guitar and harmony vocals by Anthony Gavoli. Lead vocals by J.Q. Crafton. Percussion and harmony vocals by Joshua Willis. Six string acoustic guitar and lead vocals by John Crafton Jr. Twelve string acoustic guitar and harmony vocals by John Spreier.

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