

If I Could Be King for a Day....

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has a melody with lyrics: "If I could be king for a day, From my prin-cip-les I'd try not to stray, For". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "those who'd been like me, I'd treat them to a spree. My coins would all begold and my weath it would be un-told,". The third staff repeats the first line of the melody with lyrics: "If I could be king for a day, If I could be king for a day." Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Em, D, Em, C, Em, D, Em for the first staff; C, Am, Em, C, Am, Em for the second staff; and Em, D, Em, C, Em, D, Em for the third staff.

If I could be king for a day,
From my principles I'd try not to stray.
For those who'd been like me
I'd treat them to a spree.
My coins would all be gold
And my wealth it would be untold -
If I could be king for a day,
If I could be king for a day.

If I could be king for a day,
Then work would be replaced by play.
I wouldn't lift a finger
Or in the farmyard linger.
The beasts could fetch their own hay,
The pigs could go their own way -
If I could be king for a day,
If I could be king for a day.

If I could be king for a day,
My aching hunger I'd not delay.
Each mealtime at my table
I'd eat as much as I was able.
I'd have a choice of dishes
Some with meat and some with fishes -
If I could be king for a day,
If I could be king for a day.

If I could be king for a day,
I think no-one would stand in my way.
A white horse I would ride
With soldiers at my side.
I'd lead my troops in battle
And my enemies I would rattle -
If I could be king for a day,
If I could be king for a day.

If I could be king for a day,
When I did speak then all would obey.
My voice would always be heard,
I'd have the first and last word.
If anyone did cross me
They'd pay a painful penalty -
If I could be king for a day,
If I could be king for a day.

If I could be king for day,
I'd dress myself in splendid array.
I'd be as fine a sight as you'd see,
All women would respect me.
I'd choose the one I fancied,
And know she'd be like-minded -
If I could be king for a day,
If I could be king for a day.



The simple message from this song - and picture - is that power corrupts!