

Ode to Rowan

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This is our ode to Rowan
This is his song
We wrote it down one winter night
Please don't take it wrong

It all started one spring day
From "Bewitched" he took
The title of our band he'd say
Should be: "The Big Book"

I'm Sid and I'm Red
And we'll rock this town
Until we drop dead
We played East and we played West
We played with your girlfriend, she said we were the best

Back in '89
Traveling on the Greyhound line
Sid wanted some sauerkraut
The bus stopped, we got out
We went into "Kings"
Looked around at all those things
And then we found a tape
And then we found "The Tape"

(Rowan speaking)

"Oh what a great name for a band! "The Big Book."

(Chorus)

The Big Book
The Big Book
What a great name for a band
The Big Book

The Big Book

(Rowan speaking)

Rowan: “Haven’t you ever seen that episode of “Bewitched” where somebody...um somebody had some disease or something...some ailment...”

We took the tape to our producer
He said, “With this name you will go far.”
Our style and attitude got looser
Now we’re grossly overrated stars

(Rowan and Tom speaking)

Rowan: “So Samantha went to see Doctor um...Doctor Bom—Doc—“

Tom: “Dr Bombay?”

Rowan: “Doctor Bom—mmm No I think it’s Doctor--

Tom: “Bombay?”

Rowan: “No...it’s...it might not be...No it’s...No it’s not Dr. Bombay. This old like, this old like, you know, witch apothecary and he said, okay, anyway so he said, he said, well and he’s really old and he lives in this dusty little dungeon and he says like “We’ll have to look that one up in The BIG Book!””

Will they take away our Grammy?
After all those records that we sold
Is this the reason of our lust for sex and drugs?
Or just because we like Bob Mould?

I’m Sid and I’m Red
And we owe our name to the words you said
Unlike “Carry Nation”
We wouldn’t have left you waiting at the station

Sid: Yeah man! You can drive our van anytime, it’s immune to curves!

Red: We would’ve bought you a new amp too, that’s the least we could’ve done!

Sid: We want to hear some more stories! Maybe even one about “Get Smart.” Don Adams is my favorite!

Up to now we've never named
The man whose name that we claimed
Last night I had a dream
Of a cashier wearing green

We went into Kings
Looked around at all those things
He was comin', we were goin'
I saw the nametag—it said "Rowan"
And now we know his name
And now we know his name

(Chorus)

The Big Book
The Big Book
What a great name for a band
The Big Book
The Big Book

(Rowan speaking)

Rowan: "Anyway, that's the Big Book."