

Horses and Men

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Mama read me a nursery rhyme bout' a man sitting on the wall
How one day he lost his balance and he took a fall.
How all the King's great horses, And all the Kings great men.
Could not put that shattered man back together again.
She said aint it a shame that's the way the story ends.

Cause the King, who loved him, would have taken good care of him,
If the horses and men had only stayed out of the way.
But they thought they could rebuild him, as it turned out they just killed him.
Cause the story said they couldn't put him back together again.
That's the way it always goes with Horses and Men.

Once I knew a great man who had answered the kingdom's call.
Then one day out of nowhere, I watched that workhorse fall.
Then all the King's other horses, And all the King's great men,
Started putting plans in motion that would put him back together again.
Oh! But aint it a shame that's the way the story ends.

Cause the King, who loved him, would have taken good care of him,
If the horses and men had only stayed out of the way.
But they thought they could rebuild him, as it turned out they just killed him.
Like the nursery rhyme they couldn't put him back together again.
And that's the way it always goes with Horses and Men.

If they had taken him and laid him, at the feet of the King who made him,
I'm sure the story would have a different end.
But that's not the way it goes with Horses and Men.