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The Renaissance

"You Need a Renaissance"

Yeah, it's the Renaissance.

There's so little art in the Dark Age,

Just a couple jokers like in a card game.

But things change and those hard days

Turn into the Renaissance, now art pays.

Let's get classical, take it back to Greeks,

We're smarter now; we're practically geeks.

The Medici family will pay you mad doubloons,

If you paint something that doesn't look like a cartoon.

So we add perspective, paint in 3-D,

Make the background small; it's easy.

Raphael, Michelangelo,

Leonardo da Vinci, and Donatello.

Aren't those the Ninja Turtles? Yeah, that's it,

But the Sistine Chapel didn't paint itself, kid.

Mona Lisa smiles, that's so new,

Sculpt Greek and Bible dudes in their birthday suits.

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You need a renaissance, stand up!

Do you believe in magic like people used to?

You get sick, and you think God hates you.

They didn't question what the priests told 'em,

Until a couple of scientists got emboldened.
They said, "I won't take your word as the truth,
If you want me to believe, you better show me proof." Poof!
This was the Scientific Revolution,
How you like them apples? Like Isaac Newton.
Now everybody thought God made the Earth,
And put it in the center of the universe.
Copernicus thought it was the sun at center,
Like the gum's at the center of a... a Blow Pop.
Galileo's telescope proved the Earth moved,
The Pope said, "Galileo is a fool."
Actually, the Pope couldn't handle the facts,
'Cause science kind of gave him like a panic attack.

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"Tell me, have you sinned?" Yeah, like every day,
"Well if you pay me lots of money, I can make it go away."
That's what Catholics did, selling indulgences,
Till a monk named Martin Luther wasn't feeling it.
Wrote 95 theses and tacked 'em up,
Said the Church is too fat like a Reese's Cup.
We need to be more personal with Jesus,
His friends protested, so they're Protestants.
Over in England, we find Henry VIII,
With like 30 ladies that he wanted to date.
Now, you know how dads want to play ball with their son?
Well, his wife Catherine wasn't giving him one.
So Henry asked the Pope, "Yo, can I get a divorce?"

But the Pope said, "No, you've got to stay the course."

What do you do if you're a king and your church says wait?

Well, you start your own church if you're Henry VIII.

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