

# Eric Clapton, Anyone For Tennis

(Eric Clapton and Martin Sharp)

Twice upon a time in the valley of the tears  
An auctioneer is bidding for a box of fading years  
And the elephants are dancing on the graves of squealing mice.  
Anyone for tennis, wouldn't that be nice?

And the ice creams are all melting on the streets of bloody beer  
While the beggars stain the pavements with fluorescent Christmas cheer  
And the Bentley-driving guru is putting up his price.  
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And the prophets in the boutiques give out messages of hope  
With jingle bells and fairy tales and blind colliding scopes  
And you can tell they're all the same underneath the pretty lies.  
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The yellow Buddhist monk is burning brightly at the zoo  
You can bring a bowl of rice and then a glass of water too  
And fate is setting up the chessboard while death rolls out the dice.  
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