

PRACTICAL MAN

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1. Last night I drank with a pract-ic-al man who

seemed to think he knew me well. He had no debts and he

had no troubles And all night long he kept setting up doubles and

he asked me What have you got to sell? 2. "I'll

see you right" said the pract-ic-al man "A

boy like you should be living high All you do is get

up and be funny And I'll turn the laughs into folding money

Can you name me any- thing that can't buy? 3. So you

G D | A | B7 | E7

deal in dreams" said the practic-al man "So

A | C | G

does that mean you should be so coy? I fixed one chap a

B7 | C | Eb | D7

show on telly Who limped like Byron and talked like Shelley

B7 | A7 | C | G

through a ten-part epic on the fall of Troy 4. I'LL

G D | B7 | E7

tell you what" said the practic-al man As he

A | C | G

tapped the ash from a purple fag "Let's head up-town for a

B7 | C | Eb | D7

meal somewhere You can sing me something while we're/driving there There's

B7 | A | C | G

grand piano in the back of my Jag." 5. So I

G | B7 | E7

sang my song to the practic-al man It

A | C | G

sounded bad but she couldn't hear And the/silent lights of

town went streaming As if the car was a turtle dreaming The

night was sad and she was no- where near 6. "It's a

great i- dea" said the practic- al man As they

brought in wait- ers on flaming swords "You love this chick and it's

reall-y mag- ic But she won't play ball and that's kind of tragic Now

how do we get this concept on the boards? 7. I

see it like this" said the practic- al man As he

chose a trout from the rest'rant pool "We change it round so

she's going frantic to win the love of the last romant- ic And

you're the one, her wild cre-ative fool" 8. So I

Musical staff with notes and chords G, B7, E7.

thought it all over as the practical man

Musical staff with notes and chords A, C, G.

watched them slaughter the fatted calf I saw again her re-

Musical staff with notes and chords B7, C, Eb, D7.

-gretful smile Sweet to look at though it/meant de-ni- al

Musical staff with notes and chords B7, A7, C, G.

It was bound to hurt but I had to laugh 9. And that's

Musical staff with notes and chords G, B7, E7.

when I told the practic- al man As he

Musical staff with notes and chords A, C, G.

drank cham-pagne from the Holy Grail There are some i-deas you

Musical staff with notes and chords B7, E7, A7.

can't play round with Can't let go of and you can't give ground with

Musical staff with notes and chords C, Eb, D7.

'Cause when you die they're what you're found with

Musical staff with notes and chords B7, A7, C, G.

There are just some songs that are not for sale

