

# Home by Another Way

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Those magic men the Magi  
Some people call them wise  
Or Oriental, even kings  
Well anyway, those guys  
They visited with Jesus  
They sure enjoyed their stay  
Then warned in a dream of King Herod's scheme  
They went home by another way

Yes they went home by another way  
Home by another way  
Maybe me and you can be wise guys too  
And go home by another way  
We can make it another way  
Safe home as they used to say  
Keep a weather eye to the chart on high  
And go home another way

Steer clear of royal welcomes  
Avoid a big to-do  
A king who would slaughter the innocents  
Will not cut a deal for you  
He really, really wants those presents  
He'll comb your camel's fur  
Until his boys announce they've found trace amounts  
Of your frankincense, gold and myrrh

Time to go home by another way  
Home by another way  
You have to figure the Gods saying play the odds  
And go home by another way  
We can make it another way  
Safe home as they used to say  
Keep a weather eye to the chart on high  
And go home another way

Home is where they want you now  
You can more or less assume that you'll be welcome in the end  
Mustn't let King Herod haunt you so  
Or fantasize his features when you're looking at a friend

Well it pleasures me to be here  
And to sing this song tonight  
They tell me that life is a miracle  
And I figured that they're right  
But Herod's always out there  
He's got our cards on file  
It's a lead pipe cinch, if we give an inch  
Old Herod likes to take a mile

It's best to go home by another way  
Home by another way  
We got this far to a lucky star  
But tomorrow is another day  
We can make it another way  
Safe home as they used to say  
Keep a weather eye to the chart on high

And go home another way