

Be a Sport, Afghanistan
Words and Music by Tom Paxton

Let me have a word with you
you're a sporting kind of man
Captain of the Olympic team
here in Afghanistan
And you don't want to go to Moscow, wonderful!
Let me commend your zeal, but still I hope you won't lose sight
Of the pure Olympic ideal!

Be a sport, Afghanistan, be a sport,
Not everyone can be a winner, some fall short
So you might not win a medal, so you feel a little flat
So you lost a little freedom Hell we all have days like that.

Don't be a drag Afghanistan, don't be a drag
We'll help you sew a couple of stitches in your flag.
As you march around the stadium to musical strains
be sure to wave Lord Killanin and the rest of the brains
For you know they'll never listen to the clanking of your chains
So be a sport afghanistan, be a sport!

Don't be rude Afghanistan, now don't be rude
Politics and the olympics don't intrude
The Olympiad is holy we observe the niceties
We're above the petty squabbles
You can ask the Taiwanese.

Try to smile Afghanistan, try to smile
Show the world a little sportsmanship and style
Just because you've been invaded is no reason to lose heart
Just because you're in a war you didn't want and didn't start
Still remember that you have the joy
Of simply taking part
So be a sport Afghanistan, be a sport.

The committee's full of sporting chaps
That comes as no surprise
And we've already ordered our blazers
and some ripping Olympic ties
So it's too late to call the games off
That would never ever do
And the hopeful eyes of the sporting world
Are firmly fixed on you.

Rise and shine Afghanistan, rise and shine
Help us whip those other nations into line.
Theyll believe you if you tell 'em
that the boycott is unfair.
You've been running for your lives at home
Hell why not do it there?

Show some class Afghanistan, show some class
Just because the Russians saw some greener grass
Just because you lost some freedom it's not sporting to complain
still you got an invitation and we are happy to explain
that the Russians have agreed
that they will take you there by train
So be a sport Afghanistan, be a sport.

You'll be running round Siberia when you run
Be a sport Afghanistan, be a sport.