

Edward and the NSA

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Let me tell you all a story of a man named Edward
And the tragic and fateful day
When he'd had enough of the secret spying
On us all by the NSA.

Will he ever return? No, he'll never return,
Or he'll risk a fate unearned.
He may live his life out in the land of Russia*.
He's the man who can never return.

Seems the NSA was snooping through Verizon's records
And they didn't let us know,
Scooping up information on us by the millions
Though Clapper swore it wasn't so.

Will he ever return? No, he'll never return, *(etc.)*

Now the politicians all are screaming "Treason!"
And a few want Edward dead,
For to have us find out how they spy upon us
Fills them with a sense of dread.

Will he ever return? No, he'll never return, *(etc.)*

Hey, American people, don't you think it is a scandal
How they take our rights away?
Let's let Washington know they must end mass surveillance
And rein in the NSA.

Or he will never return, no he'll never return,
And **we'll** risk a fate unearned.
He may live his life out in the land of Russia.
He's the man who can never return.

* *Originally this read "Hong Kong."*
Change as necessary for his current status.