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author's text

Interpellation

Dear Friends,

From the wealth of experience you have acquired, you will certainly have learned that life always has some nonsense up its sleeve and is always out to get us. And what our country has experienced is no different, constantly being tried in matters of government, over and over again: who is going to end up in charge here? And will the community known as the lower, or possibly the upper, chamber of the Czech Parliament be occupied by homo sapiens, or by some other species, known as MPs or senators? Every four years, dutifully and to the best of our knowledge and belief, we decide who to send to these two chambers and we put our trust in them. I tell you, I just don't know, it seems to me as if our efforts are totally futile. At the beginning of the electoral term, the situation almost always looks hopeful but, a few months in we discover that, yet again, things have started to look somehow the same.

And so I got this mad idea into my head to write and set to music an interpellation voiced by a citizen of the CR. I could never deliver it in parliament, I wouldn't be allowed to take the stand – parliamentary rules are inexorable – and so this Interpellation came into being. I sought the collaboration of several text writers who might assist me in creating a wonderful expression for the thoughts I had put down on paper. But the problem was, no-one really wanted to get involved in the project. But then I found a highly talented, adventurous young lad who was intrigued by the idea... His name is Robin Král and I'm sure we'll be working together in the future.

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