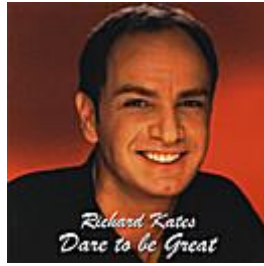


## Mp3 Richard Kates - Dare To Be Great



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version of THE GOOD SEX GUIDE which toured New Zealand again starring Su Pollard. Richards writing for television has included COPY CATS (for which he also wrote the title song), THE LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARDS (where Diane Langton opened the ceremony with his song TO WIN AN AWARD), THE RUSS ABOTT SHOW, THE LAUGHTER SHOW, TAKE THE PLUNGE and DAVRO ON THE BOX. At the prestigious South Pacific Song Contest in Australia he won three major awards for his song STREISAND GOT THERE FIRST! In 1998 he was the first and only composer and lyricist to have had two new musicals in the final of the prestigious VIVIAN ELLIS AWARD. Sheridan Morley hailed him as "the find of the contest", and suggested that "someone should have the courage and foresight to get his work staged immediately." He has recorded two highly acclaimed CDs of his own words and music AMONG FRIENDS DARE TO BE GREAT! The first features twelve stars from the West End stage performing his songs, whilst on the latter he performs all the songs himself. He has just started work on his third CD which has the working title THE KING IS STILL ALIVE which will be released in 2010 Richard lives in London and divides his time between acting and writing. He says I am lucky to be in a position where I dont have to accept everything Im offered. But then again, it is still nice to be offered.

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