

FOR THE SAKE OF THE SONG

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G C G
WHY DOES SHE SING HER SAD SONGS FOR ME I'M NOT THE ONE
C G
TO TENDERLY BRING HER SOFT SYMPATHY I'VE JUST BEGUN
D G
TO SEE MY WAY CLEAR AND IT'S PLAIN IF I STOP I WILL FALL
D G
I CAN LAY DOWN A TEAR FOR HER PAIN JUST A TEAR AND THAT'S ALL
C G
WHAT DOES SHE WANT ME TO DO?
C D C G
SHE SAYS THAT SHE KNOWS THE MOMENTS ARE RARE I SUPPOSE THAT IT'S TRUE
C D C G
THEN ON SHE GOES TO SAY I DON'T CARE HOW SHE KNOWS...BUT I DO
D C G
MAYBE SHE JUST HAS TO SING FOR THE SAKE OF THE SONG.
D C G
WHO DO I THINK THAT I AM TO DECIDE THAT SHE'S WRONG?

SHE'D LIKE TO THINK I WAS CRUEL BUT SHE KNOWS THAT'S A LIE FOR I WOULD BE
NO MORE THAN A TOOL IF I ALLOWED HER TO CRY ALL OVER ME
ALL MY SORROW IS REAL EVEN THO I CAN'T CHANGE MY PLANS
IF SHE COULD SEE HOW I FEEL THEN I KNOW THAT SHE'D UNDERSTAND
AW DOES SHE ACTUALLY THINK I'M TO BLAME?
DOES SHE REALLY BELIEVE THAT SOME WORD OF MINE
COULD RELIEVE ALL HER PAIN?

CAN'T SHE SEE THAT SHE GRIEVES
JUST BECAUSE SHE'S BEEN BLINDLY DECEIVED BY HER SHAME?
AW BUT MAYBE SHE JUST HAS TO SING FOR THE SAKE OF THE SONG.
AND WHO DO I THINK THAT I AM TO DECIDE THAT SHE'S WRONG?

AW BUT NOTHIN'S WHAT IT SEEMS, MAYBE SHE'LL START SOME DAY TO REALIZE
IF SHE ABANDONS HER DREAMS THEN ALL THE WORDS SHE CAN SAY ARE ONLY LIES
AW WHEN WILL SHE SEE THAT THE GAME IS ONLY TO LOOSE
ALL THAT SHE OFFERS ME ARE HER CHAINS AND I'VE GOT TO REFUSE
AW BUT ITS ONLY TO HERSELF THAT SHE'S LIED
SHE LIKES TO PRETEND THERE'S SOMETHING THAT
SHE SHOULD DEFEND WITH HER PRIDE
AND I DON'T INTEND TO STAND HERE
AND BE THE FRIEND FROM WHOM SHE MUST HIDE
MAYBE SHE JUST HAS TO SING FOR THE SAKE OF THE SONG.
AND WHO DO I THINK THAT I AM TO DECIDE THAT SHE'S WRONG?

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