

For The Sake Of The Song
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[Verse 1]

Why does she sing her sad songs for me, I'm not the one
To tenderly bring her soft sympathy, I've just begun
To see my way clear and it's plain if I stop I will fall
I can lay down a tear for her pain just a tear and that's all

What does she want me to do?
She says that she knows
That moments are rare I suppose that it's true
Then on she goes to say I don't care
Aw, she knows that I do

[Chorus]

Maybe she just has to sing for the sake of the song
Who do I think that I am to decide that she's wrong?

[Verse 2]

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
Ah my sorrow is real even though I can't change my plans
If she could see how I feel then I know she'd understand

Ah 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

[Chorus]

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[Verse 3]

Ah but nothin's what it seems maybe she'll start someday to realize
If she abandons her dreams then all the words she can say are only lies
Ah when will she see that to gain is only to lose
All that she offers me are her chains and I got to refuse

Ah but it's 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

[Chorus]

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