

# Excuses

## James Flanders

Why no one will help me?  
I am too dumb, I am too smart  
They'll not understand me  
I am lonely, they'll hate me  
And there is not enough time  
It's too hard to help me  
And God wants me to work  
No resting, no lazy  
These excuses, how they served me so well  
They've kept me safe  
They've kept me stoic  
They've kept me locked in my own cell  
I'm too far from home  
It takes far too much energy  
And I cannot afford to  
No one will ever see me  
These excuses, how they served me so well  
They've kept me safe  
They've kept me stoic  
They've kept me locked in my own cell  
These excuses, how they're so familiar  
They've kept me blocked  
They've kept me small  
They've kept me safe inside my shell  
Bringing this into the light shakes their foundation  
And it clears my side  
Now my imagination is the only thing that limits  
The bar that is raised to the heights  
No one can have it all see  
I have to, they want me to  
And I can't let them down  
I'll never be happy  
These excuses, how they served me so well  
They've kept me safe  
They've kept me stoic  
They've kept me locked in my own cell  
These excuses how they're so familiar  
They've kept me blocked

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