

# I Was Only Joking

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Ever since I was a kid at school  
I messed around with all the rules  
Apologized then realized  
I'm not different after all Me and the boys thought we had it sussed  
Valentinos all of us  
My dad said, "We looked ridiculous"  
But boy we broke some hearts In and out of jobs, runnin' free  
Waging war with society  
Dumb blank faces stare back at me  
But nothing ever changed Promises made in the heat of the night  
Creepin' home before it got too light  
I wasted all that precious time  
And blamed it on the wine I was only jokin' my dear  
Lookin' for a way to hide my fear  
What kind of fool was I  
I could never win Never found a compromise  
Collected lovers like butterflies  
Illusions of that grand first prize  
Are slowly wearing thin Susy baby you were good to me  
Giving love unselfishly  
But you took it all too seriously  
I guess it had to end I was only jokin' my dear  
Lookin' for a way to hide my fear  
What kind of fool was I  
I could never win, yeah baby Now you ask me if I'm sincere  
That's the question that I always fear  
Verse seven is never clear  
But I'll tell you what you want to hear I try to give you all you want  
But givin' love is not my strongest point  
If that's the case it's pointless goin' on  
I'd rather be alone 'Cause what I'm doin' must be wrong  
Pourin' my heart out in a song  
Owning up for prosperity  
For the whole damn world to see Quietly now while I turn a page  
Act one is over without costume change  
The principal would like to leave the stage  
The crowd don't understand

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