

Why I Lie

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If you ask me why I lie to you
I can tell you I don't know myself
It's amazingly dishonest
But I'd have to recognize it as part of myself
Straighten up, why can't you straighten up?
I've heard you tell me this
So many times
It doesn't even stick
I get it all the time
You know I love to make
A joke of it
And if you ask me why I hurt you
I don't understand it, I can't help myself
It's a special combination
Of predatory instinct and simple ill will
I would give some thought to it
If I thought that it might do me
Some good, some good
Straighten up, why can't you straighten up?
You always say I'll lose
Control of it
And thirty is not too old
Well momma, I would give some thought to it
If I thought that it might do me
Some good, some good, some good
Some good

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