Flying Colours

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Shout if you will, but that just won't do
I, for one, would rather follow softer options
I'll take the easy line, another sip of wine
And if I ignore the face you wore

It's just a way of mine to keep from flying coloursOh, don't lay your bait while the whole world waits

Around to see me shoot you down, it's all so second rate

When we can last for days on a loving night

Or for hours at least on a warm whisper givenYou always pick the best time to rise to the fight

To break the hard bargain that we've driven

Once again, we're flying coloursI thought we had it out the night before

And settled old scores, ooh, but not the hard way

Was it a glass too much? Or a smile too few?

Did our friends all catch the needle match, did we want them to?

In a fancy restaurant, we were all aglow

Keeping cool by mutual permissionHow did the conversation get to where we came to blows?

We were set up in a red condition

And again, we're flying coloursShout, but you see, it still won't do

With my colours on, I can be just as bad as you

Have I had a glass too much? Did I give a smile too few?

Did our friends all catch the needle match, did we want them to?

We act our parts so well, like we wrote the play

All so predictable and we know itWe'll settle old scores now and settle the hard way

You may not even live to outgrow it

Once again, we're flying colours, flying colours

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