

# Smiling

## Richard Shindell

I had a place in the desert  
Just a roof and four walls  
Where I could wait for the rapture  
Where I could ride out the fall

I was keeping a virgil  
I was deep in a trance  
I was holding a candle  
To the palm of my hand

Then I saw you smiling then I saw you smiling  
Then I saw you smiling  
Like a fool I protested  
I need time to prepare

You see I never expected  
Something so simple and clear  
So I tried to persuade you  
That I was not what you thought

That I would only disappoint you  
That I can't be what I'm not

You stood there smiling  
You stood there smiling  
You stood there smiling

I looked around for a reference  
But there was none I could see  
Is there a thread to the sequence  
That brought this vision to me

There are larks in the morning  
Tracing lines to the lake  
Three dimensions of mercy  
Three dimensions of grace

You just stand there smiling  
You just stand there smiling  
You just stand there smiling

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