

# For the Sake of the Song

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Why does she sing these sad songs for me  
I'm not the one to tenderly bring her soft sympathy  
I've just begun to see my way clear, it's plain if I stop I will fall  
I can lay down a tear for her pain, a tear and that's all What does she want me to do?  
She says that she knows moments are rare  
I suppose that it's true and on she goes to say  
I don't care when she knows that I do Well, maybe she just has to sing  
For the sake of the song  
And who do I think that I am  
To decide that she's wrong She'd like to think I was cruel, she knows that's a lie  
For I would be no more than a tool if I allowed her to cry all over me  
Oh my sorrow is real even though I can't change my plans  
If she could see how I feel then I know she'd understand Does she actually think I'm to blame?  
Does she really believe that some word of mine  
Could relieve all her pain?  
Can't she see that she grieves just  
Because she's been blindly deceived by her shame? Well, maybe she just has to sing  
For the sake of the song  
And who do I think that I am  
To decide that she's wrong I know nothings what it seems maybe one day she'll start to realize  
That if she abandons her dreams  
Then all the words she can say are only lies  
When will she see that the gain is only to lose?  
All that she offers me are her chains and I got to refuse But it's only to herself that she's lied  
She likes to pretend it's something  
That she should defend, with her pride  
And I don't intend to stand here  
And be the friend from whom she must hide Well, maybe she just has to sing  
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