Big Tears

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Everyone is busy with the regular routine, the sniper just takes his aim
Everyone is window shopping, no one is amazed
Even if he hit you, you'd still think it's just a graze
You go to a movie, you go to a show

You think that you're living, you don't really knowBig tears mean nothing, you can count them as they fall Big tears mean nothing when you're lying in your coffin

Tell me who's been taken inOh, you talk about the new boss automatic clause

But of course they make it all up for you

Always fascinated by the weird edge of town

Come home disappointed every time they put you down

Laughing with the old boys, saying that it's all noiseI suppose big tears mean nothing, you can count them as they fall

Big tears mean nothing when you're lying in your coffin
Tell me who's been taken inAll the buttons of my overcoat, they have fallen off one by one
You wouldn't even like me if you'd never had a drink
You wouldn't even like me if you never stopped to think

Standing in the shadow, turning wives to widowsDon't you know big tears mean nothing, you can count them as they fall

Big tears mean nothing when you're lying in your coffin
Tell me who's been taken in, tell me
Me or you's been taken in, tell me, tell me

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