

Code of Silence

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Everybody's got a million questions
Everybody wants to know the score
What you went through
It's something you
Should be over nowEverybody wants to hear the secrets
That you never told a soul before
And it's not that strange
Because it wouldn't change
what happened anyhowBut you swore to yourself a long time ago
There were some things that people never needed to know
Guess there's one that you keep
That you bury so deep
No one can tear it outAnd you can't talk about it
Because you're following a code of silence
You're never gonna to lose the anger
You just deal with it a different wayAnd you can't talk about it
And isn't that a kind of madness
To be living by a code of silence
When you've really got a lot to sayYou don't want to lose a friendship
There's nothing that you have to hide
And a little dirt
Couldn't hurt no one anywayAnd you still have a rage inside you
That you carry with a certain pride
In the only part of the broken heart
That you could ever saveBut you've been through it once
You know how it ends
You don't see the point
Of going through it again
And this ain't the place
And this ain't the time
And neither's any other daySo you can't talk about it
Because you're following a code of silence
You're never gonna to lose the anger
You just deal with it a different waySo you can't talk about it
And isn't that a kind of madness
To be living by a code of silence
When you've really got a lot to sayI know you well enough to tell you've got your reasons
That's not the kind of code you're inclined to break
Some things unknown are best left alone forever

And if a vow is what it takes
Haven't you paid for your mistakes After the moment passes
And the impulse disappears
You can still hold back
Because you don't crack very easily It's a time honored resolution
Because the danger is always near
It's with you now
But that ain't how it was supposed to be And it's hard to believe after all these years
That it still gives you pain and it still brings tears
And you feel like a fool
Because it's part of your rules
You've got a memory But you can't talk about it
Because you're following a code of silence
You're never gonna to lose the anger
You just deal with it a different way But you can't talk about it
And isn't that a kind of madness
To be living by a code of silence
When you've really got a lot to say

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