

# Why Must I Plead

**Richard Thompson**

All your bitterness and lies sting like tears in my eyes  
And a thousand lovesick tunes  
Won't wash away the wounds from my mind You've been seen around, you're a new sensation  
You got a better deal and you took his invitation  
You've been sitting on his lap and taking his dictation Oh but mercy, we used to love all day and drive all night  
Oh mercy, jealousy used to whet your appetite  
Oh mercy, we were low as dogs and high as kites Why must I plead with you darling  
Why must I plead with you darling  
Why must I plead with you darling for what's already mine My friends are indiscreet and I sing myself to sleep  
I don't mind the red wine  
Or the pickup line as long as it's cheap Well, I ask you what's wrong and you say I'm all yours  
I ask you who your friend is and you say it's Santa Clause  
I ask you to come home, you say you're tired of being indoors Oh but mercy, you know you signed on that  
dotted line  
Oh mercy, well you signed yours and I signed mine  
Oh mercy, you said forever till the end of time Why must I plead with you darling  
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Why must I plead with you darling for what's already mine I said, why must I plead with you darling for what's  
already mine

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