

# The Late Show

## Jackson Browne

Everyone I've ever known has wished me well  
Anyway, that's how it seems, it's hard to tell  
Maybe people only ask you how you're doing  
'Cause that's easier than letting on how little they could care  
But when you know that you've got a real friend somewhere  
Suddenly all the others are so much easier to bear  
Now to see things clear it's hard enough, I know  
While you're waiting for reality to show  
Without dreamin' of the perfect love  
And holding it so far above  
That if you stumbled onto someone real, you'd never know  
(You'd never know) You could be with somebody who is lonely too  
(Sometimes it doesn't show)  
He might be trying to get across to you  
(Words can be so slow)  
When your own emptiness is all that's gettin' through  
There comes a point when you're not sure why you're still talking  
I passed that point long ago  
(Long ago) I'm so tired of all this circling  
And all these glimpses of the end  
(You know it's useless to pretend)  
That's all the voices say, you'll go right on circling  
Until you've found some kind of friend  
Well, I saw you through the laughter and the noise  
You were talking with the soldiers and the boys  
While they scuffled for your weary smiles  
I thought of all the empty miles  
And the years that I've spent looking for your eyes  
(Looking for your eyes) Now I'm sitting here wondering what to say  
(That you might recognize)  
Afraid that all these words might scare you away  
(To break through the disguise)  
No one ever talks about their feelings anyway  
Without dressing them in dreams and laughter  
I guess it's just too painful otherwise  
Look, it's like you're standing in the window  
Of a house nobody lives in  
And I'm sitting in a car across the way  
(Let's just say)  
It's an early model Chevrolet  
(Let's just say)  
It's a warm and windy day  
You go and pack your sorrow

The trash man comes tomorrow  
Leave it at the kerb and we'll just roll away

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