

# The Real Thing

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He wore a song around his neck  
Like some medal of honor  
He carried his wisdom like a knife  
An empty pocket was a temporary chain  
Knowing you've got it coming  
Ain't no crime Every blue note that rolled off his tongue  
You could feel his soul twisting right in two  
Nobody knew where he came from  
Ah but everybody knew, everybody knew He was the real thing  
No doubt about it  
The kind that you remember when they're gone  
The real thing  
Put here for a reason  
We knew someday the whole world  
Was going to know his name  
He was the real thing She whispered in his ear, and he heard the thunder  
Singing 'bout a world he never knew  
Head spinning round, he began to wonder  
Was he made to love her, or born to sing the blues He searched inside him for an answer  
But all he found was a troubled mind  
He left her somewhere on the blue highway  
Oh it wasn't just another love that he left behind It was the real thing  
No doubt about it  
The kind that you remember when it's gone  
The real thing  
Not like passion's fire  
But a burning, smoldering, eternal flame  
It was the real thing And sometimes at night he longs for her whisper  
But he hides from the dawn, 'cause he always wakes to find her gone In some broken down dressing room in  
some major city  
The thunder plays an old familiar tune  
He spies a face of a distant angel  
Outside, beneath the halo moon Finger on the trigger, needle in the vein  
One more bullet, it might be your last ride  
This is ain't no no-show, this ain't no nervous breakdown  
And it sure as hell ain't the time to let the fool decide This is the real thing  
No doubt about it  
Who cares if they love you and you're gone  
This is the real thing

So you were put here for a reason  
But what gives you the right to quit when you're tired  
Anyway boy, this ain't no game  
This is the real thing He wore a song around his neck  
Like some medal of honor  
He carried his wisdom like a knife

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