## The Greatest Performance of My Life

## **Shirley Bassey**

Tonight, I gave the greatest performance of my life

I never lost control, I played the part so well

That not a single soul could tell that I was lyingAnd so, though it was hard to face our friends, I gave a party

I know I meant to show them all, I've gotten over you

And though I saw the unbelieving looks on all their faces

I had to try to make them think that it was trueSo I, who had me dance, dance through the night, just like the gypsy

And I who seldom drink, drank like a fish till I was high, and I

Who hadn't laughed since God knows when, out laughed Pagliacci

Till they believed it more than even ITonight, I gave the greatest performance of my life

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But love, if you had been behind the curtain, when it fellWhen all the lights were out and I was all alone You would have seen this actress cryingYes, tonight, I gave the greatest performance of my life

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But love, if you had been behind the curtain, when it fellWhen all the lights were out and I was all alone You would have seen this actress crying

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