Often Is a Word I Seldom Use

John Prine

I know that you're sad
I know that you're lonely

You lie awake 'till way past when

I want you to know

That I'm leaving you only

'Cause I might not get the chance againI'm cold and I'm tired

And I can't stop coughing

Long enough to tell you all of the news

I'd like to tell you

That I'll see you more often

But often is a word I seldom use

Often is a word I seldom useTell me, where did the weekend go?

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Went like thunder, felt like snow

Went like thunder, felt like snowYou must think my life's a circus

Watching me laughing

And slapping my thighs

How'd ya like to die

In the house of mirrors

With nobody around to close your eyesI'm cold and I'm tired

And I can't stop coughing

Long enough to tell you all of the news

I'd like to tell you

That I'll see you more often

But often is a word I seldom use

Often is a word I seldom useGoing down to the Greyhound station

Going back home

And get what's mine

Got me a date

With the ten o'clock special

Gonna be there at a quarter to nineI'm cold and I'm tired

And I can't stop coughing

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