

## Abba

# "The Day Before You Came"

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Must have left my house at eight, because I always do  
My train, I'm certain, left the station just when it was  
due  
I must have read the morning paper going into town  
And having gotten through the editorial, no doubt I  
must have frowned  
I must have made my desk around a quarter after nine  
With letters to be read, and heaps of papers waiting to  
be signed  
I must have gone to lunch at half past twelve or so  
The usual place, the usual bunch  
And still on top of this I'm pretty sure it must have  
rained  
The day before you came

I must have lit my seventh cigarette at half past two  
And at the time I never even noticed I was blue  
I must have kept on dragging through the business of  
the day  
Without really knowing anything, I hid a part of me  
away  
At five I must have left, there's no exception to the rule  
A matter of routine, I've done it ever since I finished  
school

The train back home again  
Undoubtedly I must have read the evening paper then  
Oh yes, I'm sure my life was well within it's usual frame  
The day before you came

Must have opened my front door at eight o'clock or so  
And stopped along the way to buy some Chinese food  
to go  
I'm sure I had my dinner watching something on TV  
There's not, I think, a single episode of Dallas that I  
didn't see  
I must have gone to bed around a quarter after ten  
I need a lot of sleep, and so I like to be in bed by then  
I must have read a while  
The latest one by Marilyn French or something in that  
style  
It's funny, but I had no sense of living without aim

The day before you came

And turning out the light

I must have yawned and cuddled up for yet another  
night

And rattling on the roof I must have heard the sound of  
rain

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