

## **Barry Manilow**

# **"Read'em And Weep"**

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I've been trying for hours just to think of what exactly to say.

I thought I'd leave you with a letter or a fiery speech like when an actor makes an exit at the end of a play.

And I've been dying for hours trying to fill up all the holes with some sense.

I'd like to know why you gave up and you threw it away, I'd like to give you all the reasons and what everything meant.

Well, I could tell you "goodbye" or maybe "See you around",  
with just a touch of a sarcastic "thanks"!  
We started out with a bang and at the top of the world,  
Now the guns are exhausted and the bullets are blanks.  
And everything's blank!

CHORUS:

If I could only find the words then I would write it all down,  
If I could only find a voice I would speak.  
Oh, it's there in my eyes, oh, can't you see me tonight --  
Come on and look at me and read 'em and weep!

CHORUS

I've been whispering softly, trying to build a cry up into a scream.  
We let the past slip away, and put the future on hold,  
Now the present is nothing but a hollowed-out dream.

And I've been dreaming forever hoping something would eventually come.  
I saw your eyes in the dark,  
I felt your kiss on my lips,  
I traced your body in the air until the bodies were numb.

Well, I could tell you "good-bye" or maybe "See you around",  
With just a touch of a sarcastic "thanks"!

But now the rooms are all empty, the candles are dark,  
The guns are exhausted and the bullets are blanks.  
And everything's blank!

#### CHORUS

Oh, it's there in my eyes and coming straight from my  
heart,  
It's running silent and angry and deep!  
Oh, it's there in my eyes and it's all I can say,  
Come on and look at me and read 'em and weep!

(Read 'em and weep) - for all the hours we'll be  
spending alone,  
(Read 'em and weep) - for the dreams we'll ignore,

(Running silent and deep)  
And all those promises we promised to keep, they  
won't be kept anymore!

(Read 'em and weep) - for the magic that our bodies  
had made,  
(Read 'em and weep) - for the love that we lost.

(Running silent and deep)  
And all the secrets that we somehow betrayed,  
For whatever the cost!

(Read 'em and weep) - for the memories still alive in  
the bed,  
(Read 'em and weep) - for the lies we believed,

(Running silent and deep)  
And all the things that will have never been said,  
Why don't you look at me and read 'em and weep!  
Come on and look at me and read 'em . . .

It's there in my eyes and coming straight from my  
heart,  
It's running silent and angry and deep!  
It's there in my eyes, and it's all I can say,  
Come on look at me and read 'em . . . and weep!  
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