

## David Berkeley "Straw Man"

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Quiet lonely day  
On a miracle's highway and traveling takes its toll  
The highway's windy road  
Didn't open up her soul the way I thought it would  
And I don't think that's good  
Guess I thought it would have been the best she'd seen

The straw man's off the clock  
She's waiting for his knock in her underwear  
His foot falls on the stair  
She greets him with a glare that says he'll have to fall  
But with her back up against the wall  
She suddenly recalls the straw man's just her dream

And it's never quite so clean  
She makes the world around me seem  
Lavender and wintergreen  
When we're side by side

Now the straw man's been let loose  
My dreams have been reduced by a quest for fame  
Still the straw man feels no pain  
She realized in shame and then the game is back  
Then blue fades into black  
Time takes back the slack she had when just seventeen

And it's never quite so clean  
I make the world around her seem  
Lavender and wintergreen  
When we're side by side

Still a quiet lonely day  
On a miracle's highway and I am almost home  
Pick up the phone  
Say that living life alone ain't how the story ends  
Cause I am here to mend  
But how much can she bend till on my side she'll lean

And it's never quite so clean  
She makes the world around me seem  
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