

## **Browne Jackson**

### **"The Late Show"**

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Everyone I've ever known has wished me well  
Anyway that's how it seems, it's hard to tell  
Maybe people only ask you how you're doin'  
'Cause that's easier than letting on how little they can  
care  
But when you know that you've got a real friend  
somewhere  
Suddenly all the others are so much easier to bear  
Now to see things clear, it's hard enough I know  
While you're waiting for reality to show  
Without dreaming of the perfect love and holding it so  
far above  
If you stumbled on to someone real, you'd never know  
(You'd never know)  
You could be with somebody who is lonely too  
(Sometimes it doesn't show)  
He might be trying to get across to you  
(Words can be so slow)  
When your own emptiness is all that's getting through  
There comes a point when you're not sure why you're  
still talking  
I passed that point long ago  
(Long ago)  
Now I'm so tired of all this circling  
And all these glimpses of the end  
(You know it's useless to pretend)  
That's all the voices say:  
"You'll go right on circling  
Until you've found some kind of friend"  
Well I saw you through the laughter and the noise  
You were talking with the soldiers and the boys  
While they scuffled for your weary smile  
I thought of all the empty miles  
And the years I've spent looking for your eyes  
(Looking for your eyes)  
Now I'm sitting here wondering what to say  
(That you might recognize)  
Afraid that all these words might scare you away  
(And break through the disguise)  
No one ever talks about their feelings anyway  
Without dressing them in dreams and laughter  
I guess it's just too painful otherwise

Look, it's like you're standing in the window  
Of a house nobody lives in  
And I'm sitting in a car across the way  
(Let's just say)  
It's an early model Chevrolet  
(Let's just say)  
It's a warm and windy day  
You go and pack your sorrow  
Trash man comes tomorrow  
Leave it at the curb and we'll just roll away

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