

## Indigo Girls

# "No Way To Treat A Friend"

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"No Way to Treat a Friend" is an Amy Ray song, probably written around 1985 or earlier, even. A live version of it appears on the "Blue Food" cassette, and it has been performed fairly regularly since then. The lyrics I'm transcribing are from no particular version, as the song changed a bit over the years. Instead, I'm kind of compiling it from seven different versions from 1985/6 to 1991.

So when I choose one phrase over another, such as "When I walked you to the door" instead of "When I walked through the door," well, it's totally a judgement call on my part. So sue me.

No Way to Treat a Friend  
When I walked you to the door, I was feeling mighty fine  
I was thinking "Hey, I've got love to ease my mind."  
Then I got to the car, and I was staring at your scars  
Thinking "Hey, this ain't no way to spend my time."  
I want a true love affair, not this touch-and-go in the air  
You know I don't know if I'm coming or I'm down  
I don't want a love touch and go, I want a feeling I only know  
Or else you can't get me out of this town.  
When I saw you smile, it was just one look into your eyes  
And I was thinking "Hey, you're in love again."

Then I heard you laugh, honey, you were laughing at the past  
I was thinking "This ain't no way to treat a friend."  
You were laughing at the past, you were smiling through your glass  
Watching cars drive away in your mind  
You were hoping I would leave, honey, I was dreaming I could stay  
This ain't no way to spend my time.  
(At this point, recent versions have a guitar solo, while

early  
versions include a bridge with the following lyrics:  
This ain't no way to treat a friend  
This ain't no way to see me  
I'm looking for the end  
(This ain't no way to treat a friend.)  
I want words, I want touch, maybe that's a bit too much  
For someone so far removed from what we used to  
claim  
If you be cruel, I'll still be kind, I've got it in my mind  
I'm in love with you, I ain't gonna play your game.  
If you want my advice, don't say it's wrong if it feels  
right  
Don't push me down just to see me crawl  
I'll be crawling on your floor, I'll be reaching for the  
door  
I'll be crawling right out of your eyes  
Honey, I'll be walking right out of your eyes  
Baby, I'll be walking right out of your eyes.

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