

Jimmy Buffett

"Henny's Song: The Key To My Man"

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Notes: Henny is Norman's wife of many years. She knows that his move to the Caribbean is a middleaged fantasy, fraught with potential disaster, but she means to stand by him. Though she is snared by the island's charm, she's smart enough to know it's an illusion. She's not quite smart enough to perceive that Iris Tramm is a threat to their marriage. Henny sings this song at the Kinja airport, as she is returning to New York to close up their apartment. Off and on Jimmy and I talked about having a "Married Love Song" for Henny. During rehearsal Jimmy wrote this lovely song almost overnight.

I find myself between two worlds
Bewildered all to hell
Up north I have my mid-town life
Down here my new hotel
What kind of a dream is this
I don't know where I will land
It's a Caribbean fairy tale
The snow has turned to sand

Chorus:
But he's happy
I understand
And that's the key
To my man

Bridge:
I'd like to have a clearer view
And listen to my hunches
Without the rum-lined Kinjan fog
Of a thousand planter's punches
I guess I'll have to let it go
And simply tag along
Just let myself get all caught up
Forget what's right or wrong
What kind of dream is this
That's causing me this strife
My husband's chasing windmills
And I'm still the nervous wife

Chorus:
Cause he's happy
And he's my man
What good's this key in my hand
Oh he's happy
I understand And that's the key To my man

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