

## Jimmy Buffett "Sheila Says"

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It took me a while to get used to the slow smoky style of this number. Iris Tramm's first song. It's now one of my favorites. Iris has a dog, a German Shepherd named Meadows, who is an important actor in the story. She sings to him about her disillusionment with men, hence the refrain "that's why I live with my dog." The song hints that nevertheless falling for Norman Paperma Coconut Grove Iris sang to an amazingly lifelike puppet dog, which all but upstaged her, and won the audience affection all though the evening.

Sheila says the heart is just a muscle  
Sheila says the heart is cooled by time  
Hiding out for years down in these trade winds  
In the land of coconuts and limes

Chorus:

I've played this game for too long  
My life's just one same old song  
Now marooned for a time on this island  
I go into and out of the fog  
And that's why I live with my dog

Instrumental bridge

Men oh, men oh, oh men I've known to many  
Deceivers cloaked in clumsy vanity  
What men lack in love and understanding  
They make up in stupidity

Chorus:

But now and then one comes along  
And lights up my world like a song  
I am tempted to unleash my interest  
Yet I put it to you man's best friend  
There's just one sad old way it can end

Bridge:

We have our faults  
But men have only two  
All that they say

All that they do  
You're a joy and a friend and a guardian  
Never bored with my sad monologue  
You're better off with a dog  
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