

## **John Wesley Harding**

### **"I Can Tell"**

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I can tell when you're telling lies  
I can see it in your smiling eyes  
I can't help when you're telling lies  
I can see it in your lack of surprise  
I can see just where the truth doesn't lie  
Watching you cut through the bind that ties

Once upon a time a story with a happy end  
But that's all in the past now, it's all around the bend  
You can't appease me now, those hopeless things you  
send  
And you can't please me now and we can't start again  
There's too much history, and no clean sheets  
When I get to hear his story, it puts my feet to sleep  
It's all romantic nothing about a heart in a rage  
Murdered by some cartoon villain who ripped out the  
last page

(chorus)

Happy ever after, a prince apparent and his bride  
All his disarming charm and her unfaithful side  
He's scouting for success and she's his girl guide  
The day the die was cast, it was the day I died  
And now your hips are up for grabs and now the chips  
are down

I could be jetting with the set instead of with this clown  
You want it to be unabridged, all bridges should be  
burnt  
Sometimes you must recross them, that's something  
you never learnt

(chorus)

There are some tricks you can't pull  
I mean the wool that is  
Over my eyes  
That's what happens when looking for love  
Becomes a game of I spy

I know you're combing someone's hair, or someone's

soothing you  
A lie may well fool someone else but it tells the truth  
About you to you

(chorus)

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