

Carly Simon

"It's Not Like Them"

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When Tom came home his hair was combed
He bought snakeskin boots in Rome
That's not like him

His socks are clean, his shirt is pressed
It isn't just the way he's dressed
He smiles out of context and acts so polite
He's stayed at his cousin's overnightstaying changed
to stayed

The protein shakes, that's not like him
The carrot cakes, that's not like him
The oatbran flakes, that's not like him
And the sweet name he called me in his sleep last night
Oh, that's not like him

He whispers on the telephone
He goes out smelling of cologne
That's not like him

It's just a superficial thing
But he's misplaced his wedding ring
He's becoming a connoisseur of winechanged become
to becoming. Deleted "quite"
He's quoting Yeats and Gertrude Stein

The Soho pub, that's not like him
The racquet club, that's not like him
Those books on love, that's not like him
And the sweet name he called me in his sleep last night
Oh, that's not like him

I caught a glimpse of Tom today
At a checkout counter, about to pay
He had a girl on his arm
I'm glad he's helping out the poor
It's not the Tom I knew beforedeleted "like"
Something so touching it made me cry
But my heart was racing, I don't know why

Those new blue suedes, that's not like himchanged

suede to suedes; deleted "shoes"
The Ray Ban shades, that's not like him
Those downtown ways, that's not like him
And the sweet name he called me in his sleep last night
Oh, that's not like him

The red suspenders, that's not like him
The berries in the blender, that's not like him
Those twelve step groups, that's not like him
And Guadeloupe, that's not like him
Those books on Zen, that's not like him
The Karate classes, that's not like him
The fishing gear, that's not like him
Not like him
That's not like him

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