

## Josh Ritter

### "New Lover"

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I can't pretend that all is well, it's like I'm haunted by a ghost  
There are times I cannot speak your name for the catchin' in my throat,  
There are things I will not sing for the sting of sour notes.

I feel like a miser, I feel low and mean  
For accusing you of stealin' what I offered you for free.  
Still it baffles the belief sometimes what thieves we lovers be.

I don't know who you're with these days, might be with someone new  
And if you are, I hope he treats you like a lover ought to do.  
But whoever makes you happy, it don't really matter who  
I've got a new lover now, I hope you've got a lover too.

Praise the water under bridges, the time they say will heal  
Praise the fonder, that still grows on the absent heart in fields  
Praise be to this pain, these days it's all I seem to feel.

Perhaps the fault was mine  
Perhaps I just ignored who you're always gonna be,  
Instead of who I took you for.  
I've been treated worse it's true, still I expected more.

But I will not chase your shadow as you go from room to room,  
Droppin' handkerchiefs and daggers, smokin' guns and other clues  
For what someone did to someone and who did what with who.  
I've got a new lover now, I hope you've got a lover too.

I've got a new lover now, I know that she's not mine,  
And I only wanna hold her, I don't need to read her

mind,  
And she only looks like you when she's in a certain  
light.

I got a new lover now, she knows just what I need.  
When I wake up in the night, she can read me back my  
dreams,  
And she loves them, though she never needs to tell me  
what they mean.

I hope you've got a lover now, hope you've got  
somebody who  
Can give you what you need like I couldn't seem to do.  
But if you're sad and you are lonesome and you've got  
nobody true,  
I'd be lying if I said that didn't make me happy too.  
I'd be lying if I said that didn't make me happy too.

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