

Rod Stewart

"I Was Only Joking"

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Ever since I was a kid at school
I messed around with all the rules
Apologized then realized
I'm not different after all

Me and the boys thought we had it sussed
Valentinos all of us
My dad said, "We looked ridiculous"
But boy we broke some hearts

In and out of jobs, runnin' free
Waging war with society
Dumb blank faces stare back at me
But nothing ever changed

Promises made in the heat of the night
Creepin' home before it got too light
I wasted all that precious time
And blamed it on the wine

I was only jokin' my dear
Lookin' for a way to hide my fear
What kind of fool was I
I could never win

Never found a compromise
Collected lovers like butterflies
Illusions of that grand first prize
Are slowly wearing thin

Susy baby you were good to me
Giving love unselfishly
But you took it all too seriously
I guess it had to end

I was only jokin' my dear
Lookin' for a way to hide my fear
What kind of fool was I
I could never win, yeah baby

Now you ask me if I'm sincere
That's the question that I always fear

Verse seven is never clear
But I'll tell you what you want to hear

I try to give you all you want
But givin' love is not my strongest point
If that's the case it's pointless goin' on
I'd rather be alone

'Cause what I'm doin' must be wrong
Pourin' my heart out in a song
Owning up for prosperity
For the whole damn world to see

Quietly now while I turn a page
Act one is over without costume change
The principal would like to leave the stage
The crowd don't understand

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