

Rufus Wainwright

"If Love Were All"

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Life is very rough and tumble
For a humble deserves
One can betray ones troubles never
Whatever occurs

Night after night, have to look bright
Whether you're well or ill
People must love their fill
You mustn't sleep 'til dawn comes creeping

Though I never really grumble
Life's a jumble indeed
And in my efforts to succeed
I've had to formulate a creed

I believe in doing what I can
In crying when I must
In laughing when I choose
Hey ho, if love were all
I should be lonely

I believe the more you love a man
The more you give your trust
The more you're bound to lose
Although when shadows fall

I think if only somebody splendid really needed me
Someone affectionate and dear
Cares could be ended if I knew
That he wanted to have me near

But I believe that since my life began
The most I've had is just a talent to amuse
Hey ho, if love were all

Though life buffets me obscenely
It serenely goes on
Although I question its conclusion
Illusion is gone

Frequently I put a bit by
Safe for a rainy day

Nobody here can say to what indeed
The years are leading

Though fate often treats me meanly
I serenely pursue
A little mirage in the blue
Determination helps me through

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