

## **Smokey Robinson "Tears Of A Clown"**

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The Tears of a Clown  
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Smokey Robinson & The Miracles  
Now if there's a smile on my face,  
it's only there tryin' to fool the public,  
but when it comes down to foolin' you;  
Now honey, that's quite a different subject.  
But don't let my glad expression  
give you the wrong impression.  
Really I'm sad.

I'm sadder than sad.  
You're gone and I'm hurtin' so bad.  
Like a clown I pretend to be glad.

(chorus)

Now there's some sad things known to man,  
but ain't too much sadder than  
the tears of a clown  
when there's no one around.

Now if I appear to be carefree,  
it's only to camouflage my sadness.  
In order to SHIELD my pride I try  
to cover the hurt with a show of gladness.  
But don't let my show convince you  
that I've been happy since you  
decided to go.

Oh, I need you so.  
I'm hurt and I want you to know.

(chorus)

Just like Pagliacci did,  
I try to keep my sadness hid.  
smilin' in the public eye  
while in my lonely room I cry  
the tears of a clown  
when there's no one around.

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