

## **Merle Haggard**

### **"Bad Actor"**

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I've never been much at making believe,  
Don't have any tricks hidden up my sleeve.  
If life is a comedy, where's all the laughter?  
'Cause here on the stage I'm a bad actor.

I don't know what you want me to know.  
So I'll take the small parts in our family show.  
Tell me which hero you want me to play.  
How should I feel, and what do I say?

Pretending to care, pretending to cry.  
You say I'll be there, and I say I'll try.  
Second hand feelings are always a factor,  
In my starring roll as a bad actor.

Please let me know what you want me to see.  
Where do you want me to be?  
In this old mirror, I'm just a reflection,  
But I might be brilliant if you'd give direction.

I have a problem of knowing what's real.  
All my emotions I borrow and steal.  
Faking my way through every day,  
And trying to act like it's better that way

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