

Who "How Can You Do It Alone"

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I saw a man about fifty or so
He looked lonely but his eyes were bright
He was walkin' up Holland Park Road
And I stopped him to ask for a light

He practically froze when I spoke
But he eased when he saw my cigarette
Then I saw as he lit up my smoke
Beneath his coat he was naked and wet

With eyes full of shame for he knew that I knew
He slumped to the wall with a moan
I said, "I know there's no name for what you go through
But how, how can you do it alone, oh yeah?"

I crossed the streets to the local newstore
And flicked through some cheap magazines
Beside me some schoolkid I saw
Stuffed some girlie mags down into his jeans

The shop girl was watching amazed
She asked me to call for the police
She screamed at his blushing young face
And he escaped into the streets

With eyes full of shame for he knew that I knew
He slumped to the wall with a moan
I said "I know there's no name for what you go through
But how, how can you do it alone?"

How can you do it alone?
I need your help so I can do it by myself
Do it alone, don't have to breathe down a phone
(I ain't got a clue 'bout the things that you do)
(But how can you do it alone?)

How can you do it? How can you do it?
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Back at the flat my girl sat in the shower

And wasn't too keen on me sharing
She came out well after an hour
And by that time I was past caring

Some women it seems have the knack
Of attaining the stars in their dreams
They simply relax and lay back
While people like us scratch our jeans

With eyes full of shame and I know it must show
I slump and I fall and I groan
Will somebody explain?
What I need to know, how, how can you do it alone?

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