

## Willie Nelson

# "How Long Have You Been There"

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I've been walking in the shadows for so long  
That I forgot the sun can shine  
I've turned away from everyone and everything  
That wanted to be mine

Somehow I always shot my eyes and heart  
To everything that I could share  
Now I'm standing still and I'm wondering  
Just how long have you been there

And every path I've taken I have turned around  
And quickly closed the door  
It seems as though I knew  
If I ever stop to feel, I want more

I kept a steady run so my eyes could never focus  
anywhere  
Now I'm standing still and I'm wondering  
Just how long have you been there

How long have you been standing there  
Protecting me from love that shouldn't be?  
Knowing all alone that I could realize  
That you were meant for me

Now I've got to mend every broken fence  
And bridge that I have burned  
I've got to clear away the cobwebs in my heart  
So I can start to learn

For I realize that you've been waiting  
Just to teach me how to care  
Now I'm standing still and I'm wondering  
Just how long have you been there

And now I'm standing still and I'm wondering  
Just how long have you been there

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