

Harper Simon

"Veteran's Parade"

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It's a Cape Canaveral lift off for you
Everything is coming through
It's gonna be a beautiful year
Everyone's got a calling card now
Everyone wants to play the game
Everyone's a name around here

You can stand in the shade
At the veteran's parade
Worrying 'bout the rank and file

Some fall out and some fade away
It's a small price to pay
It doesn't mean a lot to you
You get confused by all the attention
And I forget to mention
I know what you're going through

You can stand in the shade
At the veteran's parade
Worrying 'bout the rank and file
Or you can do what you want to do
You can see who you want to see
You can take a mercenary position
You can be who you want to be

Hard feeling in the atmosphere
I try and stay above it all
But whenever you appear
I have a strange reaction
I don't insist that you feel bad
Just 'cause your maiden name's on the marquee
And who am I to put you down
Maybe I just miss you being around

You can stand in the shade
At the veteran's parade
Worrying 'bout the rank and file
Or you can do what you want to do
You can see who you want to see
You can take a mercenary position

You can be who you want to be

Yeah you can do what you have to do
To get where you want to be
But this is no imaginary condition
You're gonna be who you're gonna be

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