

## Al Stewart "Almost Lucy"

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Lucy worked at a different club every day  
And though she put her mind to it, her heart was never  
in it  
She stayed around just long enough to get paid  
She won't pass the time with you, she can't stay a  
minute

And all these changing faces never bothered her at all  
They just existed like a back-drop or a pattern on the  
wall  
Lucy looks like someone who is waiting for a call  
She knows he'll come but no one else can hear at all

Lucy finds the dressing room and the bar  
Hangs her clothes up, hopes tonight the contract won't  
be broken  
Well, they kick you round so much when you're not a  
star  
Make you play all night just for a pittance or a token

But all these imperfections never bothered her at all  
She says, "It sharpens your perception when your  
back's against the wall"  
There's something that enables her to rise above it all  
To shrug it off just when it seems to go too far

Hey, hey, hey, I think you almost  
Feel the pain comin' on inside  
Hey, hey, hey, I think you almost  
Feel it now, you don't know why, you don't know why

The last time that I saw her, she had given up the chase  
Moved away to California, got a suntan on her face  
She says that, "Life was just another time, another  
space"  
It's over now, she learned a lot, it's not a waste

Hey, hey, hey, I think you almost  
Feel the pain comin' on inside  
Hey, hey, hey, I think you almost  
Feel it now and you don't know why

Hey, hey, hey, I think you almost  
Feel yourself reaching out inside  
Hey, hey, hey, I think you almost  
Feel it now and you don't know why, you don't know  
why

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