

## Al Stewart

# "If It Doesn't Come Naturally"

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Nothing that's forced can ever be right.  
If it doesn't come naturally, leave it.  
That's what she said as she turned out the light,  
And we bent our backs as slaves of the night.  
She lowered her guard ... showed me the scars  
She got from trying to fight.  
Saying oh, you'd better believe it.

Well I'm up to my neck in crumbling wreckage  
Of all that I wanted from life.  
When I looked for respect all I got was neglect,  
Though I swallowed the line as a sign of the times.  
But dealing a Jack from the back of the pack  
They said, "You lose again."  
"Oh," I said, "who needs it?"

Well don't get me wrong now I tried to get on  
With the jokers who got in my way.  
And I put on a smile and I tried all the while to be  
straight.  
But they just wanted more all the time and I'm sure  
That you know what I mean when I say,  
That I'm sick of the touch and there's only so much you  
can take.

Well nothing that's real is ever for free,  
And you just have to pay for it sometime.  
She said it before, she said it to me --  
I suppose she believed there was nothing to see  
But the same old four imaginary walls  
She built for living inside.  
I said, "oh, you just can't mean it."

Well there was never a doubt that she had to get out.  
She was just looking around for a way.  
In the pit of the night there was nowhere to hide any  
more.  
She was out on a limb, she was reaching for things  
That she wanted, but just couldn't say.  
And she had to be sure that she wouldn't get caught  
like before.

Well nothing that's forced can ever be right,  
If it doesn't come naturally, leave it.  
That's what she said as she turned out the light,  
And she may have been wrong, and she may have  
been right.  
But I woke with the frost, and noticed she'd lost  
The veil that covered her eyes.  
I said, "oh, you can leave it."

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