

**Rundgren Todd****"Pretending"**

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I was right the first time  
But I outguessed myself  
You sympathized so sweetly  
When you sent me to hell  
What have I got to complain for  
Had to throw myself overboard  
Like to see that my dues are paid  
It's just the way I was made

And when I cry, I was burning inside  
You're out there pretending  
And though I lie, I had nothing to hide  
You're the one who's pretending

I live in anticipation  
Things that never occurred  
Turned my back to the loving ones  
On the strength of your word  
What's the answer I'm looking for  
You mix your meanings with metaphors  
Glass bricks and a ten foot wall  
You really don't care at all

And when I came to relieve all the pain  
You were somewhere pretending  
And I'm still here, and it's still just as clear  
That you're only pretending

I believe in believing  
And I hope that there's still hope for me  
'Cause I need to be needing  
And you're free to be free as you please  
But I'm not the kind  
Who can live with life  
And I never could  
'Cause I'm just no good at pretending

What's the truth after all this time  
Is it your perception or is it mine  
Sometimes you're better off alone  
You can't get blood from a stone

And while you cry, I'll be laughing inside  
'Cause I know you're pretending  
Look me straight in the eye  
When I tell you good bye  
'Cause I won't be pretending  
You could beg me and fall down on your knees  
But you'd just be pretending  
Maybe someday you'll have something to say  
And you won't be pretending

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