

Shel Silverstein "Crouchin' On The Outside"

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One two three four five six seven eight hey baby you're
a little too late
I'm standin' on the outside lookin' in at you on the
inside
Lookin' out at me on the outside lookin' in
Through the window of my madness at a place I never
been
And you say you understand just what my trouble's all
about
But you're sitting on the inside playing on the win side
While I'm freezing on the outside in the what's-it-all-
about side
Lookin' in at you on the inside looking out

One two three four five six seven eight hey jim let's talk
about hate
I'm walkin' on the white side lookin' 'round at you on the
brown side
Lookin' back at him on the black side lookin' down
And we're mouthin' words of freedom but we don't
make any sound
And we clasp our hands in brotherhood and then go
wash our hands
While you're stayin' on the brown side on the go-ahead-
and-put-me-down side
While I'm standin' on the white side on the got-me-way-
up-tight side
Lookin' back at him on the black side lookin' back

One two three four five six seven eight hey Claude
don't bother to wait
You're cruisin' on the gay side lookin' straight at me on
the straight side
Lookin' way at you on the gay side lookin' straight
And you're screamin' from the rooftops bout the
pleasures that won't wait
And your closet's full of queenly gowns for extra
special dates
And you're campin' on the gay side on the c'mon-out-
and-play side
While I'm over on the trick side on the got-to-find-a-
chick side

Lookin' way at you on the gay side lookin' straight
One two four seven nine eight twelve fifteen nineteen
eighteen ninety-nine twenty-four else
[sax]
One two three four five six seven eight hey Miss
hallucinate
You're boppin' on the hip side laughin' at me on the flip
side
Chasin' after you on the hip side losin' my grip
And you're walkin' on a tightrope and you're tryin' not
to slip
And you say you found out where it's at and give it all a
try
So you're groovin' on the hip side in the come-and-
take-a-trip side
I'm movin' on the square side in the show-me-when-
and-where side
Chasin' after you on the hip side lookin' high
Lookin' at you on the hip side lookin' out yeah
Lookin' at you on the flip side lookin' back

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