

## Steve Forbert "Make It All so Real"

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Take your seat in the table  
Watch the cabaret fill  
Ted came down for the singer  
He saw the name on the bill

How the minutes were draggin'  
As the audience grew  
Ted was growing impatient  
As he swallowed his brew

"It's time to welcome the artist"  
He heard somebody say  
Saw a face in the floodlight  
And everything was okay

Singer man, do your work  
Sing your song, make it hurt  
Sing the tears, sing the pain  
Make it all so real

Then the singer was singing  
All his serious songs  
And his Band wa a-playing  
And Ted was hummin' along

Meanwhile back in a corner  
There was a table for two  
Where sat the singer's cute lover  
And she was drinkin' a few

All snuggled up with a stranger  
Who had his hand on her thigh  
She was receivin' his message  
And gazing into his eyes

Singer man, do your work  
Sing your song, make it hurt  
Sing the tears, sing the pain  
Make it all so real

So the sound came a-rollin'  
Tumblin' into the night

And all the people were ravin'  
Sayin', "Man, our singer's alright"

"He's such a burnin' performer  
What a fabulous show"  
Little lover was stirrin'  
She was ready to go

An' while the singer was wailing  
She got up to depart  
The crowd was stompin' and cheering  
She was breakin' his heart

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Ted was feelin' terrific  
As the crowd filtered out  
Ravin' on 'bout the hero  
There were whistles and shouts

There was a guy with his sweetheart  
Ted came walkin' on past  
He could hear what was spoken  
He could hear what she asked

She said, "Don't you envy the hero?"  
An' the fella answered his girl  
"Yes, he's the ultimate singer  
He's on top of the world"

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