

Tim Minchin

"If I Didn't Have You"

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Yeah, yeah
If I didn't have you

If I didn't have you to hold me tight
(If I didn't have you)
If I didn't have you to lie with at night
(When I'm feeling blue)
If I didn't have you to share my sights
(Share my sights)
And to kiss me and dry my tears when I cry

Well I really think that I would...
Have somebody else

(If I didn't have you)
If I didn't have you, someone else would do

Your love is one in a million
(One in a million)
You couldn't buy it at any price
(Can't buy love)
But of the 9.999 hundred thousand other loves
Statistically, some of them would be equally nice
(Equally nice)
Or maybe not as nice but, say, smarter than you
Or dumber but better at sport or tracing
I'm just saying
(I really think that I would)
Probably
(Have somebody else)

Yeah

(If I didn't have you)
If I didn't have you someone else would do
(Someone else would surely do)

If I were a rich man
Diddle-diddle-diddle-diddle-diddle-diddle-ee
I guess I would be with a surgeon or a model
Or a rellie of the Royals or a Kennedy
Or a nymphomonal exhibitionist heiress to a large

chain of hotels
If I were a rich man, maybe I would fiddle
Fiddle-diddle-diddle with the rich man girls

I'm not saying that I'd not love you if I was wealthy or
handsome
But realistically there's lots of fish in the sea
And if I had a different rod I would conceivably land
some
Even though I am fiscally consistently pitiable
And considerably less Brad Pitt than Brad Pitiful
Am I really so poor and ugly that you reckon only you
could possibly love me?
And I
(Really think that I would)
Probably
(Have somebody else)

(If I didn't have you)
If I didn't have you, someone else would do
(Someone else would surely do)

And look, I'm not undervaluing what we've got when I
say
That given the role chaos inevitably plays in the
inherently flawed notion of "fate"
It's obtuse to deduce that I've found my soulmate at
the age of seventeen
It's just mathematically unlikely that at a university in
Perth
I happened to stumble on the one girl on Earth
specifically designed for me

And if I may conjecture a further objection, love is
nothing to do with destined perfection
The connection is strengthened, the affection simply
grows over time
Like a flower
Or a mushroom
Or a guinea pig
Or a vine
Or a sponge
Or bigotry
... or a banana

And love is made more powerful by the ongoing drama
of shared experience
And the synergy of a kind of symbiotic empathy or...
something

So I trust it would go without saying

That I would feel really very sad
If tomorrow you were to fall off something high
Or catch something bad
But I'm just saying
I don't think you're special
I-I mean, I think your special
But you fall within a bell curve
I mean, I'm just saying I
(Really think that I would)
Probably
(Have somebody else)

I think you are unique and beautiful
(Unique and beaut)
You make me happy just by being around
(Being around)
But objectively, you would have to agree that baby
when I found you
Options were relatively thin on the ground
(Thin on the ground)
You're lovely but there must be girls as lovely as you
And maybe more open to spanking or table tennis
I'm just saying
(Really think that I would)
Probably
(Have somebody else)

I mean I reckon it's pretty likely that if, for example
My first girlfriend, Jackie, hadn't dumped me
After I kissed Winston's ex-girlfriend Neah at Steph's
party back in 1993
And our variables would probably have been altered by
the absence of that event
To have meant the advent of a tangential narrative in
which we don't meet
Which is to say there exists a theoretical hypothetical
parallel life
Where what is is not as it is and I am not your husband
and you are not my wife

And I am a stuntman living in LA
Married to a small, blonde Portuguese skier
Who, when she's not training
Does abstract painting
Practices yoga
And brews her own beer
And really like making home movies
And suffers neck down alopecia

But with all my heart and all my mind, I know one thing
is true

I have just one life and just one love and, my love, that
love is you
And if it wasn't for you, darling you

(Really think that I would)
Probably
(Have somebody else)

(If I didn't have you)
If I didn't have you someone else would surely do

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