

Todd Rundgren

"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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