Townes Van Zandt "For The Sake of The Song"

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Why does she sing these sad songs for me I'm not the one to tenderly bring her soft sympathy I've just begun to see my way clear, it's plain if I stop I will fall

I can lay down a tear for her pain, a tear and that's all

What does she want me to do?
She says that she knows moments are rare
I suppose that it's true and on she goes to say
I don't care when she knows that I do

Well, maybe she just has to sing For the sake of the song And who do I think that I am To decide that she's wrong

She'd like to think I was cruel, she knows that's a lie For I would be no more than a tool if I allowed her to cry all over me

Oh my sorrow is real even though I can't change my plans

If she could see how I feel then I know she'd understand

Does she actually think I'm to blame?

Does she really believe that some word of mine

Could relieve all her pain?

Can't she see that she grieves just

Because she's been blindly deceived by her shame?

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I know nothings what it seems maybe one day she'll start to realize

That if she abandons her dreams
Then all the words she can say are only lies
When will she see that the gain is only to lose?
All that she offers me are her chains and I got to refuse

But it's only to herself that she's lied
She likes to pretend it's something
That she should defend, with her pride
And I don't intend to stand here
And be the friend from whom she must hide

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