

## Numan Gary

### "Do You Need The Service"

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do you need the service  
do you need to call me daily  
do you have reasons for calling at all

is something on your mind  
is something wrong---i get the feeling  
that you're laughing at my quiet surprise

my silhouette is changing  
as i'm aging by your window  
and i focus on a light by your face

call me 'the operator'  
making comments "he's so technical"  
or "i've absolutely nothing to do"

recycle all my photographs  
i'll leave a picture of the queen  
and no one has to know i was there

me, i'm so ashamed  
you're all connected to my number  
and the conversation's only polite

i'll wear my old grey raincoat  
just in case you're 'confidential'  
make up stories like "the screen fades away"

today it's in a taxi  
by the station, and it's raining  
and i wonder how they all made it before

Gary Numan, "Do You Need The Service?", B-side of  
"Down In The Park" (1979)

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