

IF YOU HEAR ME SINGING

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The tune might be tired and the verses too long
The chorus too lonely and the words all wrong
Changes and pauses where they don't belong
But I offer it up with good grace
No fancy phrases, no twists and turns
No heavy message, no lessons to learn
No righteous anger and no fires to burn
Just a feeling in time and in space

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I could sing about rivers that roll to the sea
Of heroes and villains and sweet memories
Of down on your luck and down on your knees
But that's not my story today
I could sing about whisky and wishes and friends
And riding that runaway train to the end
But my heart is yours and my love won't bend
Is all I'm wanting to say

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All that I'm saying, it's been said before
In more perfect ways, of that I am sure
By wise men and fools both rich and poor
But it's no less true for the saying
And the sands are running with indecent haste
The hands on the clock are gathering pace
But I don't see the turning of time on your face
It's a trick my memory's playing

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