

**For The Sake Of The Song**

**Townes Van Zandt**

**A** Why does she sing sad songs for me, I m not the one  
**D** to tenderly bring her soft sympathy I ve just begun  
**A** to see my way clear and it s plain, if I stop I will fall  
**E** I can lay down a tear for her pain, just a tear and that s all.

**D** What does she want me to do?  
**A**  
**D** she says that she knows that moments are rare  
**E**  
**D** I suppose that it s true  
**A**  
**D** and on she goes to say I don t care, when I do.  
**E** **D** **A**

chorus:

**E** Maybe she just has to sing, for the sake of the song  
**A**  
**E** and who do I think that I am to decide that she s wrong.  
**A**

She d like to think that I m cruel,  
but 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 plan  
If she could see how I feel then I know that she d understand

Oh does she actually think I m to blame?  
Does she really believe that some word of mine can relieve all her pain?  
Can t she see that she grieves because she s been blindly deceived  
by her shame?

chorus

Nothin s what it seems, maybe she ll start someday to realize  
If she abandons her dreams, all the words she can say are only lies  
when will she see that to gain is only to lose?  
All that she offers me are her chains, I got to refuse.

Oh but it s only to herself that she s lied  
she likes to pretend it s something that she must defend, with her pride  
and I don t intend to stand her and be the friend from whom she must hide.

chorus 1 1/2 times and out