

# Shel Silverstein, Crouchin' On The Outside

One two three four five six seven eight hey baby you're a little too late  
I'm standin' on the outside lookin' in at you on the inside  
Lookin' out at me on the outside lookin' in  
Through the window of my madness at a place I never been  
And you say you understand just what my trouble's all about  
But you're sitting on the inside playing on the win side  
While I'm freezing on the outside in the what's-it-all-about side  
Lookin' in at you on the inside looking out

One two three four five six seven eight hey Jim let's talk about hate  
I'm walkin' on the white side lookin' 'round at you on the brown side  
Lookin' back at him on the black side lookin' down  
And we're mouthin' words of freedom but we don't make any sound  
And we clasp our hands in brotherhood and then go wash our hands  
While you're stayin' on the brown side on the go-ahead-and-put-me-down side  
While I'm standin' on the white side on the got-me-way-up-tight side  
Lookin' back at him on the black side lookin' back

One two three four five six seven eight hey Claude don't bother to wait  
You're cruisin' on the gay side lookin' straight at me on the straight side  
Lookin' way at you on the gay side lookin' straight  
And you're screamin' from the rooftops bout the pleasures that won't wait  
And your closet's full of queenly gowns for extra special dates  
And you're campin' on the gay side on the c'mon-out-and-play side  
While I'm over on the trick side on the got-to-find-a-chick side  
Lookin' way at you on the gay side lookin' straight  
One two four seven nine eight twelve fifteen nineteen eighteen ninety-nine twenty-four else  
[ sax ]

One two three four five six seven eight hey Miss hallucinate  
You're boppin' on the hip side laughin' at me on the flip side  
Chasin' after you on the hip side losin' my grip  
And you're walkin' on a tightrope and you're tryin' not to slip  
And you say you found out where it's at and give it all a try  
So you're groovin' on the hip side in the come-and-take-a-trip side  
I'm movin' on the square side in the show-me-when-and-where side  
Chasin' after you on the hip side lookin' high  
Lookin' at you on the hip side lookin' out yeah  
Lookin' at you on the flip side lookin' back