

Barry Manilow, Old Songs

READ 'EM AND WEEP

Barry Manilow

I've been trying for hours just to think of what exactly to say
I thought I'd leave you with a letter or fiery speech
Like when an actor makes an exit at the end of a play
And I've been dying for hours trying to fill up all the holes with some sense
I'd like to know how you faded and you threw it away
I'd like to give you all the reasons and what everything meant
Well I could tell you goodbye or maybe see you around
With just a touch of a sarcastic thanks
We started out with a bang and at the top of the world
Now the guns are exhausted and the bullets are blanks
And everything's blank

CHORUS:

If I could find the words then I would write it all down
If I could only find a voice I would speak
Oh it's there in my eyes so can't you see me tonight
Come on and look at me and read 'em and weep

CHORUS

I've been whispering softly, trying to build a cry up to a scream
We let the past slip away, and put the future on hold
Now the present is nothing but a hollowed out dream
And I've been dying for hours trying to fill up all the holes with some sense
I'd like to know why you faded and you threw it away
I'd like to give you all the reasons and what everything meant
Well I could tell you good-bye or maybe see you around
With just a touch of a sarcastic thanks
But now the rooms are all empty, the candles are dark
The guns are exhausted and the bullets are blanks, and everything's blank

CHORUS

It's there in my eyes and coming straight from my heart
It's running silent and angry and deep
It's there in my eyes and it's all I can say
Come on and read 'em and weep
Read 'em and weep - for all the hours we'll be spending alone
Read 'em and weep - for the dreams we'll ignore
Running silent and deep
And all those promises we promised to keep, they won't be kept anymore
Read 'em and weep - for the magic that our bodies had made
Read 'em and weep - for the blood that we lost
Running silent and deep
And all the secrets that we somehow betrayed
For whatever the cost
Read 'em and weep - for the memories still alive in the bed
Read 'em and weep - for the lies we believed
Running silent and deep
And all the things that can never be said
Why don't you look at me and read 'em and weep
Come on and look at me and read 'em and weep
It's there in my eyes and coming straight from my heart
It's running silent and angry and deep
It's here in my eyes and it's all I can say
Come on look at me and read 'em and weep