

# Joan Armatrading, It Could Have Been Better

I was very sad last night  
You came by  
I was so glad though sadness covered  
The smile I kept for you  
I was waiting for the cloud to pass over  
Then I could show my love

You could have made me laugh if you'd stayed  
But you left  
I was more confused than I was before you came  
I was frightened  
I saw insanity and tears  
I shouted for you to stay

It could have been better  
If you had held my hand  
And smiled at me  
Or questioned why  
My face was so distorted

I'm back in the sunlight again  
Oh I'm so glad  
It's only joy I wanna give to you  
Sometimes I feel lost and desperate  
Please forgive me  
If I show no sign of reasoning  
Or consideration  
In my bleaker times