

## Almost Lucy

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Lucy worked a different club every day  
And though she put her mind to it  
Her heart was never in it  
She stayed around just long enough to get paid  
She won't pass the time with you  
She can't stay a minute  
And all these changing faces never bothered her at all  
That just existed like a back-drop  
Or a pattern on the wall  
Lucy looks like someone who is waiting for a call  
She knows will come  
But no-one else can hear at all

Lucy finds the dressing room and the bar  
Hangs her clothes up  
Hopes tonight the contract won't be broken  
Well, they kick you round so much when you're not a star  
Make you play all night just for a pittance or a token  
But all these imperfections never bothered her at all  
She says it sharpens your perception  
When your back's against the wall  
There's something that enables her to rise above it all  
To shrug it off, just when it seems to go too far

I think you almost  
Feel the pain coming on inside  
I think you almost  
Feel it now and you don't know why  
You don't know why

The last time that I saw her  
She had given up the chase  
Moved away to California  
Got a suntan on her face  
She says that life was just another time, another space  
It's over now, she learned a lot  
It's not a waste I think you almost  
Feel the pain coming on inside  
I think you almost  
Feel it now and you don't know why

I think you almost  
Feel yourself reaching out inside  
I think you almost  
Feel it now and you don't know why  
Don't know why