How could things be so easy some days
And so hard in times when I could use some help
Coming by my way
I just don't know why you won't take me for myself

You say that I should be somebody
Don't you think that I'd be funny in a suit and tie
Ol' mister nine-to-five
I just don't know why you won't take me for myself

I've been rackin' my brain
Tryin' to find a way to make ends meet
I've been making two bridges
Write you songs that you can sing
There ain't anybody else that I could be

Say, how long will it be now?

How long will it be now? How long will it be now?

How long will it take to make him see my side?

I ain't no nine-to-five

I just don't know why you won't take me for myself

If you could only own a mountain made of solid gold What difference would it make, you'd just have more to break And I don't know why you won't take me for myself I just don't know why you won't take me for myself I just don't know why you won't take me for myself I just don't know why you won't take me for myself I just don't know why you won't take me for myself