

## **GIVE ME SOME NEWS I CAN USE**

From the 1978 release "All In Good Time"

Words and music by John Kay

Good evening one and all, this is channel 24  
Bringing you the latest news around the world  
Down in Florida today, someone tried to get away  
When he commandeered the train at Disney World  
Until noon it was a standoff, but then he lost his luck  
When someone shot him down, dressed up like Donald Duck  
It was a midget G-man  
And we're sorry that we could not show it live  
But we'll have film of the shooting here at five

Give me some news I can use, let me smile for a while  
For the madness has taken it's toll  
Give me some news I can use, just a break for the sake  
Of my mind which is losing control

From Washington today, called a senator to say  
That our future has been cancelled 'cause we're broke  
We called the white house without end finally reached the President  
Says he don't know if it's real or just a joke  
And last night at the playoffs, things got pretty grim  
They crucified the referee and tore him limb from limb  
Ah, you should have been there  
And in the weather, there's a hurricane in sight  
And that's the way it is with us tonight

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For the madness has taken it's toll  
Give me some news I can use, just a break for the sake  
Of my mind which is losing control

Seems like every single day another mind gets blown away  
And the world goes just a little more insane  
I got problems of my own, tryin' to keep my house and home  
And I sure could stand some cheerful news again  
My agent called to tell me my record's on the chart  
It's number 90 with an anchor, I never said that it was art

I gotta eat too, ya know  
And my buddy who still owes me for his bail  
He says, "don't worry, your check is in the mail"

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### **THE BEST IS BARELY GOOD ENOUGH**

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Once I knew a girl  
Lived on the other side of town  
Everybody knew her family's name  
She had the best of everything  
While I just had my fun  
I finally ask her out but she explained  
The very finest is what I'm used to  
The very finest it has to be  
And when she saw me counting my quarters  
Well, she just never took another look at me

She said the best is barely good enough  
And if that's all you got then it won't do  
The best is barely good enough  
And if that's it then I can't go with you

Just the other night  
I played a concert in Atlanta  
And there she was, right in the second row

Afterwards she asked me  
Would I like to come on over  
So I explained to her why I said no  
The very finest is what I'm used to  
The very finest if nothing more  
And then she saw me leave with her sister  
That's when I hollered  
Through the closing backstage door

For me the best is barely good enough  
And I know what you got and it won't do  
The best is barely good enough  
And that is why I just can't go with you

Spent that night quiet pleasantly  
Her sister in my arms  
We passed the times in many different ways  
She wondered what I thought of her  
I said "You're number one  
You know that's why I'm asking you to stay  
The very finest is what I'm used to  
The very finest that's why you're here"  
But when I asked her how I was doing  
Well, she just kinda smiled  
And whispered in my ear

She said your best is barely good enough  
But if that's all you got then it must do  
The best is barely good enough  
But if that's it then it will have to do

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## THAT'S WHEN I THINK OF YOU

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I often lie awake at night  
And gaze into the sky  
I watch the stars move in their flight  
And every time I wonder  
At the beauty of the view  
And when it's magic touches me  
That's when I think of you

At times I lie down by the sea  
And dream away the day  
I hear the laughter of the free  
That stroll along the bay  
Their arms around each other  
Their faces all aglow  
Ah, when I see that kind of love  
That's when I think of you

Lately I've been wondering about my fellow man  
Seems he only want's to know me for his gain  
And though I know it's human to take all that you can  
Were it not for all your giving, I might never love again

I've tried to find the words  
To write my feelings into song  
At times I almost got it right  
But most just turned out wrong  
And this one, it's no different  
The words just won't come through  
But every time I sing this song  
That's when I think of you

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**AIN'T NOBODY HOME**

**(IN CALIFORNIA)**

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When I returned here back from the Islands  
You know I couldn't say enough 'bout old Kauai  
But now I'm out here on the road  
Calling friends back home  
But I just get the phone machine and this reply

Ain't nobody home in California  
All your friends have gone to Molokai  
Ain't nobody home in California  
Everybody's off to see Hawaii

May your journey seem forever  
May the Islands touch your heart  
And if you leave it all the way you found it  
May the peace that you'll find never part

I wish I'd be there, back in the Islands  
You know, I'd ride along the beach at Hana Bay  
But I'm stuck in Waco, Texas  
At the Paradise Motel  
And now there's no one waiting for me in L.A.  
'Cause

Nobody's home in California  
All your friends have gone to Molokai  
Ain't nobody home in California  
Everybody's off to see Hawaii

Soon my travels will be over  
And soon a plane will take me home  
And just as soon I can make it over  
I'll be leaving these words on my phone

Ain't nobody home in California.....

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### **AIN'T NOTHIN' LIKE IT USED TO BE**

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One glass in the mornin', two shots at night  
Three fourths anytime that you wanna get tight  
Drink wine to remember, swill gin to forget  
And blame the world for the peace that you haven't found yet

He stood at the bar with a bottle in his hand  
And he complained so bitterly 'bout a world he could not understand  
He said "All my life, I've hustled and paid to survive  
Say, can't you see, what's wrong with the world ain't me"

Ain't nothing' like it used to be  
Ain't nothing' like it once was  
Ain't nothin' like it ought to be  
Ain't nothin' right no more

One pill in the mornin', two joints at night  
Three spoons any time that you want to feel right  
Toot coke to remember, shoot smack to forget  
And blame the world for the life you haven't lived yet  
Get up in the mornin', give love at night  
And take time for yourself when you're losing the fight  
Take care to remember, it takes time to forget  
Thank God for the time that you haven't had yet

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## **BUSINESS IS BUSINESS**

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I was told I had to grease his palm  
To walk from school without the fear of harm  
He knocked me down and took my dollar from me  
And then he lay these pearls of wisdom on me

He say; Business is business, nothing is free  
Business is business, don't you blame me  
Business is business, you've got to pay  
Business is business, can't get away  
Business is business, a man's gotta live  
And what I can take is more than you'd give

Nothing has changed since I left school behind  
The bullies now just all wear suits and ties  
They'll buy you lunch to get that dollar from you  
And then they'll lay the mumbo-jumbo on you

Business is business, nothing is free  
Business is business, don't you blame me  
Business is business, you've got to pay  
Business is business. can't get away  
Business is business, don't call me a crook  
It's perfectly legal, I go by the book

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## **SHOW ME HOW YOU'D LIKE IT DONE**

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Oh darlin' what is wrong with you  
Oh baby it must be somethin' that I do  
'Cause ev'rytime that we get down  
I wind up feelin' like a clown with you

Eh sweet mama you just got to tell me true  
Oh babe what'll do the trick for you  
'Cause if I don't know what you need  
We just never will succeed

So tell me what you want  
And show me how you'd like it done  
Tell me what to do  
Will you show me what you know  
Oh tell me what you need  
Will you teach me how you'd like your fun  
It's the only way to get it done  
And if it takes all night  
We're gonna do this till it's right

Oh darlin' tell me how you're feein' now  
Eh babe looks like your smile  
Returned somehow  
But if there's something else you'd like  
To be truly satisfied

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## **DOWN IN NEW ORLEANS**

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Down in New Orleans  
The nights are hot and long

Ev'ry day's Saturday night  
Down in the quarter  
The music's loud and strong  
Wish I'd be there tonight

Down in New Orleans  
The nights are free and wild  
Women will treat you all right  
Down from the quarter they're calling me  
And I wish I could go tonight

Every time I walk on by  
The joints on Bourbon Street  
I feel a glow from my head  
Right down to my feet  
They're places of ev'ry description  
Where no one cares who you are  
There are people of all persuasions  
Carousing in the crowded bars

Down in New Orleans  
The nights are free and wild  
Women will treat you all right  
Down from the quarter they're calling me  
And I wish I could go tonight

Walk right on in, sit right down  
Drink a hurricane  
While everybody gathers 'round  
To watch the dancers undulate  
The workin' girl in the corner  
Is hitting the local bar  
And everyone in the quarter  
Brace themselves for Mardi Gras

Down in New Orleans...

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## **SAY YOU WILL**

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Say you will, say you might  
Say you'll stay for the night  
It feels so right and we're alone  
Take my love, take it all  
Take it now, and let us fall into the night

From the moment I first saw you  
I could tell you were the one  
Who could change my way of living  
Who could lead me to the sun  
All the names, all the faces  
That were lurking in my past  
Were erased the day I held you  
And I knew you were the last

From the time I started moving  
I've been trav'lin on my own  
Though there were many nights of longing  
That I could no stand alone  
Like and organ grinder's monkey  
Picking pennies from the street  
I would scrounge for some affection  
With the lovers that I'd meet

But none could show me how to fly  
So in the end we said good bye  
But in my dreams I saw you waiting  
In my mind I heard you saying

Take my love, take it all  
Take it now, let us fall into the night  
Until the dawn  
Say you will, say you might  
Say you'll stay for the night  
It feels so right and we're alone  
Say you will, say you might

Say you'll stay for the night  
Until the dawn

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## **HEY, I'M ALRIGHT**

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All the songs of pain I once knew  
It's so hard to sing them with you  
For the words no longer ring true  
All the things I used to say  
Were changed the day I met you  
You're all that I want  
And your love is all that I need  
For my world to feel complete  
You gave meaning to my life  
And I've no reason to be blue

For I do as I please and I like what I do  
Most of all I like pleasin' you  
And I write what I feel  
And I'm feeling all right  
And I hope that this feelin' comes through

Hey, I'm all right for tonight  
So don't play me songs full of sadness  
Hey, I'm all right  
There's no pain here inside  
So let us be glad of our madness

I've been told it's easy to see  
Why each life must bare misery  
But it's hard to prove it by me

All the time I spent with you  
The only joy I knew was free  
You're all that I want  
And you love is all that I need...

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