The curtain goes up as the lights go dim
The opening act takes the stage
The applause is polite
They're not waiting for him
Everybody knows he's at least twice their age

Took him 2 days to get there His eyes tired and red His gear in the back of his way

His car is his dressing room Office and bed But at least he got him up here

Sings from his heart

And keeps from cryin

He knows it's a young man's game

He's makin the reelin while the crowd's all dyin to hear

The headliner's name

And as he continues to play He can hear the audience say

It's time to go
This ain't no variety show
We're sure you was someone
Someone with note
But buddy, it's time to go

As he packs his things he can hear from the winds The audience singing along They know every word They know every line And he wonders will he get one

As the stage door closes, goodbye He sings what's been on his mind

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Someone with note
But buddy, it's time to go

Oh buddy, it's time to go