

## Behind a Painted Smile

The Isley Brothers

Whenever you're near I hide my tears  
Behind a painted smile  
You can't imagine the tears and sorrow  
Behind a painted smile

My life's a masquerade  
A world of let's pretend, dear  
Since you took your love  
Pretending never ends, dear

But I can't let you know  
That I still need you so, no

(Darling I hide the tears that I cry)  
Whenever you're near I hide my tears  
Behind a painted smile  
You can't imagine the tears and sorrow  
Behind a painted smile

I can't let you see  
All the tears I'm crying  
You would pity me  
That would be like dying

If I can't have your love  
I don't need your sympathy

(Darling I hide the tears that I cry)  
Whenever you're near I hide my tears  
Behind a painted smile  
You can't imagine the tears and sorrow  
Behind a painted smile

My life is a masquerade  
Since you took your love away

Whenever you're near I hide my tears  
I just can't let you see  
How much you hurting me

Whenever you're near I hide my tears  
Behind a painted smile