

## For Free

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I slept last night in a good hotel  
I went shopping today for jewels  
The wind rushed around this dirty town  
And the children let out from their school  
I was standing on a noisy corner  
Waiting for the walking green  
Across the street he stood and he played real good  
On his clarinet for free

Now, me, I play for fortune  
And these velvet curtain calls  
I got a black limousine and the finest lady  
Escorting me to these halls  
And I'll play if you have some money  
Or if you're a friend to me  
But that one man band by the quick lunch stand  
He was just playing real good for free

Now, nobody, nobody stopped to hear him  
Though he played so sweet and so high  
They knew he'd never been on the TV screen  
So they passed his music by  
I meant to go over and ask for a song  
Maybe put on a harmony  
I can still hear his refrain as the signal changed  
He was just playing real good for free