

Both Sides Now

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Bows and flows of angel hair
And ice cream castles in the air
And feather canyons everywhere
I've looked at clouds that way

But now they only block the sun
They rain and snow on everyone
So many things I could have done
But clouds got in my way

I've looked at clouds from both sides now
From up and down but still somehow
It's cloud's illusions I recall
I really don't know clouds at all

Moons and Junes and Ferris wheels
The dizzy dancing way you feel
As every fairy tale comes real
I've looked at love that way

But now it's just another show
You leave them laughing when you go
And if you care, don't let them know
Don't give yourself away

I've looked at love from both sides now
From win and lose and still somehow
It's love's illusions I recall
I really don't know love at all

Tears and fears and feeling proud
To say "I love you" right out loud
Dreams and schemes and circus crowds
I've looked at life that way

But now old friends are acting strange
They shake their heads and say I've changed
Well something's lost, but something's gained
In living every day.

I've looked at life from both sides now
From win and lose and still somehow
It's life's illusions I recall
I really don't know life at all

[This song was written by long legged blond girl
named Joni Mitchell, whom I'm proud to call my friend.
I wrote her a letter, I said: Joni, hope you don't mind,
I've written a new verse for it...
Cause i'm hitting the half century this year,
I've to have something to give my end of the age scale boost.]

Daughter, daughter, don't you know
You're not the first to feel just so?
So let me say, before I go,
It's worth it any way:

Some day we all may be surprised,
We'll wake, and open up our eyes
And then at all, we'll realize
The whole world feels this way:

We've all been living upside down
And turned around, with love unfound
Until we turn and face the sun
Yes, all of us, yes, everyone.