

# The Great Pretender

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oh yes, I'm the Great pretender  
pretending I'm doing well  
my need is such  
I pretend too much  
I'm lonely but no one can tell

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Adrift in a world of my own  
I play the game  
but to my real shame  
You've left me to dream all alone

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Too real when I feel what my heart can conceal  
oh yes, I'm the Great pretender  
just laughing and gay like a clown  
I seem to be what I'm not, you see  
I'm wearing my heart like a crown  
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