The Guitar Don't Lie

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He sits all alone, playing his guitar In the back of a small café And nobody hears so he closes his eyes And just lets the music take him away

Singing songs of love, songs of broken hearts
And he's worn out his luck and his last pair of jeans
But you just keep on going on when you're living on
dreams
And you feel it inside, and the guitar don't lie.

There's a lady he knows, who often comes by She's heavily into the blues She requests the same song every night She says it reminds her of someone she knew.

A trace of her perfume, floats across the room Once they were close, shared all their dreams But now all he feels is a physical thing They grow slowly apart, and the guitar don't lie.

Some nights it gets cold, and it makes him aware That time is slipping away
And if you look close at his dark curly hair
Under the lights there are traces of grey

He knows what it's all about, feeling down and out 'Cause he's been there before, and he's seen it all And you learn to survive with your back to the wall It's a crazy old life, and the guitar don't lie