

This Grand Charade

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You go to bed early and, darlin', I stay up late
Come to the mornin', the kids are already awake
Get 'em dressed, get 'em breakfast, out the door and on the bus
Hope they don't see these walls buildin' up between us

You put on your makeup and don't even look my way
Pass by me in the hallway like a ghost that's runnin' away
Tell me we've got dinner plans with friends at 5
And ask if maybe we could just act happy tonight

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'Cause we play the part so well
Fool 'em all little-by-little, more every day
The truth is, we made a mistake
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Yeah, it's you and me darlin', just livin' this grand charade

I drive to work in this rusted-out pickup truck
Coffee steams in the holder; I'm torn between stayin' and just
givin' up
Sometimes I sit in this parkin' lot and I just cry
And wonder how the hell this became our life

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We can try to stay together for our parents and for the kids
But we know now there ain't nothin' to change all of this
We can act like it ain't over, but it is
Let's do it again
Come on pretend

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Come on little darlin', we'll live in this grand charade