

# This Grand Charade

Will Hoge

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  
We ain't that happy couple on the wedding cake  
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