

## How Long Have You Been There

Willie Nelson

I've been walking in the shadows for so long that I forgot the  
sun can shine  
I've turned away from everone and everything that wanted to be  
mine  
Somehow I always shot my eyes and heart to everything that I co  
uld share  
Now I'm standing still and I'm wondering just how long have you  
been there

And every path I've taken I have turned around and quickly clos  
ed the door  
It seems as though I knew if I ever stop to feel I want more  
I kept a steady run so my eyes could never focus anywhere  
Now I'm standing still and I'm wondering just how long have you  
been there

How long have you been standing there protecting me from love t  
hat shouldn't be  
Knowing all alone that I could realize that you were meant for  
me

Now I've got to mend every broken fence and bridge that I have  
burned  
I've got to clear away the cobwebs in my heart so I can start t  
o learn  
For I realize that you've been waiting just to teach me how to  
care  
Now I'm standing still and I'm wondering just how long have you  
been there

And now I'm standing still and I'm wondering just how long have  
you been there