

Scarlet Begonias

The Grateful Dead

Time: 4/4

Tempo: 81

Key: B

(kit: STAX Epiano & 2119 Organ)

Intro, count in then:

B

1234 1234 1234 1234

Verse 1:

E B
As I was walkin' 'round Grosvenor Square
E B
Not a chill to the winter but a nip to the air
A E B A E
From the other direction, she was calling my eye
A E B A E
It could be an illusion, but I might as well try,
B
might as well try 234 1234

Verse 2:

E B
She had rings on her fingers and bells on her shoes
E B
And I knew without askin' she was into the blues
A E B A E
She wore scarlet begonias tucked into her curls
A E B A E
I knew right away she was not like other girls,
B
other girls 234 1234

Verse 3:

E B
In the heat of the evening when the dealing got rough
E B
She was too pat to open and too cool to bluff
A E B A E
I picked up my matches and was closing the door
A E B A E
I had one of those flashes I'd been there before,

B
been there before 234 1234

Bridge:

F#
Well, I ain't often right but I've never been wrong
B A E
Seldom turns out the way it does in the song 234 1234
F#
Once in a while you get shown the light
B A E
In the strangest of places if you look at it right 234
F# A B
1234 1234 1234 1234

Verse 4:

E B
Well there ain't nothing wrong with the way she moves
E B
Or scarlet begonias or a touch of the blues
A E B A E
And there's nothing wrong with the look that's in her eyes
A E B A E
Had to learn the hard way to let her pass by,
B
let her pass by 234 1234

Instrumental Verse:

E B E B A E B A E
123 4 1234 123 4 1234 12 3 4 12 34
A E B A E B
12 3 4 12 34 1234 1234

Verse 5:

E B
The wind in the willow's playin' "Tea For Two"
E B
The sky was yellow and the sun was blue
A E B A E
Strangers stoppin' strangers just to shake their hand
A E B A E
Everybody's playing in the heart of gold band,
B
heart of gold band 234 1234, then jam out and fade on E