

All Things Considered

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She'd been living on the land, living on borrowed time
At the end of the line, she just couldn't make it rhyme
Had to draw another line in the sand, leave another broken-promise man,
Try to get another life in another promised land

She'd been rolling and tumbling, crying the whole night long
She said she was a singer and she asked me would I hear her song
Dressed in grey, she sang the blues, I could see she didn't have a lot to lose
So I hired her for the band, not feeling I was free to choose

(refrain:) so I said
Lady in grey, you can lose those blues
You just gotta do it your own way
I know you've got nothing to lose, but you know you are free to choose
But all things considered, it might be better if you stay

She needed shelter from the storm but shelter was nowhere in sight
She said won't you stop the waves, can't you calm my fright
Well I can't blow against the wind, so I said honey just jump on in
And if you come with me tonight I can teach you how to swim

Now I can see that what I'd said was open to interpretation
But I only meant it as a friendly invitation
Don't think twice, I was just trying to be nice
It was just a little bit of well-meaning advice

(refrain:) so I said
What do you say, you can lose your blues
And you can do it your own way
Me, I've got nothing to lose, and you know you are free to choose
But all things considered, I think it's better if you stay

Well sometimes you succeed and sometimes you succeed too well
Sometime it's easy to predict and sometimes it's so hard to tell
Sometimes I see the light, and sometimes finally I get it right
After trying everything else that's in my might.

Now I guess it's been a year since the separation
And I'm still living here, waiting, hoping for some indication
It's not about possession, it isn't her confession, it's
One part my pride and one part her obsession

(refrain:) It's such a
Hard game to play, and I can't lose these blues
She just had to do it her own way
I thought I had nothing to lose, and I knew she was free to choose
But all things considered,
 I think it would have been better
 if she'd stayed