

# How Could I Settle For Less

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Mine was a simple story  
Never a thought of glory  
I did what I did and what I had  
I was glad to possess

But you changed my whole direction  
And now that I've seen perfection  
How could I settle for less?

I was the shyest lover  
Ready to run for cover  
But look at me now  
I'm not the same, I aim to impress

You gave me a glance at heaven  
And given a change at heaven  
How could I settle for less?

Could Caesar span Cleopatra's door?  
Columbus turn once he saw the shore?

I, I don't want fame or treasure  
Miracles made to measure  
The beautiful things that people  
Rate the greatest success

I only want you forever  
And you and I close together  
How could I settle for?  
How, how could I settle?  
How could I settle for less?

Tell me, tell me, tell me  
Tell me daddy, how could I settle for less?  
I wanna know, I want to know  
How could I settle for?