

Angels Unaware

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He said, "My name is Gabrielle Thomas
I just blew in from out of town
My work keeps me on the road
But it's the best job that I've found
I don't mind the silence
Or the Super 8 Motel
And I've never met a person yet
Without a tale to tell"

He said, "I know you I heard you say
'Jen, true love has no pride'
You gave Angela and Joe a lift
That night they didn't have a ride
Across the room Elaine has
Drawn your face a hundred times
I don't believe blood alone
The only tie that binds"

Sit right here rest your bones
No one's ever so alone
Take the world down off your shoulders
I don't know why and how
All I know is here and now
You can take the world down off your shoulders

He said, "I'm moved to tenderness
By what we cannot bare
Humbled by what we can and do
And learn to share
Seems I traveled years and years
And yet I'm still sitting here
Nothing ever seems to change
Just the dates and just names"

He said thank you for the coffee
And for the extra cream
You seem to know instinctively
That things are never what they seem.
You never know what might blow
In the door from anywhere
And how many of us entertain
Angels unaware