

## Until Now

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"Yes, I know I drink too much", he says  
"But it's under control  
I've never picked a fight with a stranger  
I've had no accidents on the road  
It doesn't interfere with my work  
It eases the strain  
I make more money than I ever did  
No one has ever complained"

Until Now  
And I wonder just what your motivation is  
Until Now  
I never thought of you as one who'd meddle in my business

He is not my boyfriend  
He's not related to me  
I have known him for a long, long time  
I'm worried by what I see  
There's a nervous edginess that  
Only drinking smoothes  
When I question him about this, he says  
"What are you tryin' to prove?"

Until Now  
I have thought of you as the non-judgemental type  
Now I see you've been reading too many magazines  
Believeing all that self-help hype

He's the life of the party  
He's everybody's pal  
He used to act like he liked me  
Until Now

Now we're waiting for the axe to fall  
The phone call that shatters the night  
Or maybe he will surprise us all  
Wake up one day and see the light

So I'm standing in the shadows  
With open eyes and closed mouth  
Knowing every day that passes  
He's farther away from drying out

Until Now  
I was able to look the other way  
Until Now  
I could pretend that what I thought didn't matter anyway