

# The Isolation of Mister

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Never looked forward to the future  
Never enjoyed where I've been  
Couldn't keep my mind in the moment  
Never really cared if I had a friend  
I always felt like there was something better  
Even when I had it made  
Never respected the job I was doing  
Never cared about money but I felt underpaid  
Saw so many people  
Walking out the door  
Never cared about being lonely  
Because I couldn't use you no more  
I said, go away  
I'm quittin' on you today

I always felt like sorrow was a lesson  
I always felt I needed to feel the pain  
I thought happiness was a transgression  
And I just took it as it came  
I never wanted to say too much  
To other people I did not understand  
Never made love with my heart in it  
Never wanted to make any plans  
Saw so many lovers

Walk out that door  
Never cared about being lonely  
Because you didn't love me no more  
I said, go away, go away  
I'm quittin' on you today

Love 'em, leave 'em, then forget 'em  
Don't worry about 'em when they're gone  
That's the way I always played it  
Now maybe I played it all wrong  
Been so indifferent about so many things  
About my time and my rage  
Thought I was livin' a life of freedom  
But I was living in a cage  
And that cage bred with my lower self  
So many knots I did not untie  
They came undone by my faults  
And here's the reason why  
Saw so many lovers  
Walk out that door  
Never cared about being lonely  
Because I didn't love you no more  
I said, go away, go away, go away  
I'm quittin' on you today