

Painting By Numbers

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You live your life
Painting by numbers from one to five
Figures outlined
Neatly outlined

But those you try
So hard to control will step out of line
'Cause nothing in life
Is so clearly defined

You know that I've tried
To play by your rules
I've smiled Mona Lisa
To your Leonardo

You color me red
Though I'm feeling blue
Alone in your bed
Waiting for you

You brush aside
All sign of emotion never denied
No clouds in your sky
No waves on your ocean

You know that I've tried
To play by your rules
You played the king
And I played the fool

You painted my heart
The likeness so true
So why did your pen
Have to tear it in two?

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But as the years go by
Your colors will run and fade into nothing
And one day you'll find
That your life has run dry