

# I Was Only Joking

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**A** **Ama j7**  
Ever since I was a kid at school  
**A7** **D**  
I messed around with all the rules  
**Dmi** **A** **E** **A**  
Apologized then realized I'm not different after all  
**Ama j7** **A7** **D**  
Me & the boys thought we had it sussed Valentinos all of us  
**Dmi** **A** **E** **A**  
My dad said we looked ridiculous but boy we broke some hearts

**Ama j7** **A7** **D**  
In and out of jobs runnin free wagin war with society  
**Dmi** **A** **E** **A**  
Some blank faces stare back at me & nothin ever changed  
**Ama j7** **A7** **D**  
Promises made in the heat of the night creepin home before it got too light  
**Dmi** **A** **E** **A**  
I wasted all that precious time and blamed it on the wine

**A** **D E** **A**  
I was only jo-king my dear (my dear)  
**D E** **A**  
Looking for a way to hide my fear (my fear)  
**D E** **A**  
What kind of fo-ol was I (was I)  
**E**  
I could never win (never win) ...

**A** **Ama j7** **A7** **D**  
Never found a compromise collected lovers like butterflies  
**Dmi** **A** **E** **A**  
Illusions of that grand first prize are slowly wasted  
**Ama j7** **A7** **D**  
Suzie baby you were good to me givin' love unselfishly  
**Dmi** **A**  
But you took it all too seriously  
**E** **A**  
I guess it had to end

**A** **D E** **A**  
I was only jo-king my dear (my dear)  
**D E** **A**  
Looking for a way to hide my fear (my fear)  
**D E** **A**  
What kind of fo-ol was I (was I)  
**E**  
I could never win (never win) ...

**Ama j7** **A7** **D**  
Now you ask me if I'm sincere that's the question that I always fear  
**Dmi** **A** **E** **A**  
The first seven is never clear but I'll tell you what you wanna hear  
**Ama j7** **A7** **D**  
I'll try to give you all you want but givin' love is not my strongest point  
**Dmi** **A** **E** **A**  
If that's the case it's pointless goin' on I'd rather be alone

**Ama j7**                      **A7**                      **D**  
 'Cause what I'm doin must be wrong pourin' my heart out in a song  
**Dmi**                      **A**                      **E**                      **A**  
 Owing up for prosperity for the whole damn world to see  
**Ama j7**                      **A7**                      **D**  
 Quietly now while I turn a page Act 20's over without costume change  
**Dmi**                      **A**  
 The principal would like to leave the stage  
**E**                      **A**  
 The crowd don't understand