

# The Tears of a Clown

## Smokey Robinson & The Miracles

[Intro]

Oh, yeah, yeah

[Verse 1]

Now if there's a smile on my face  
It's only there trying to fool the public  
But when it comes down to fooling you  
Now, honey, that's quite a different subject  
But don't let my glad expression  
Give you the wrong impression  
Really I'm sad (sad, sad, sad, sad)  
Oh I'm sadder than sad (I'm hurt so bad)  
You're gone, and I'm hurtin' so bad (I pretend to be glad)  
Like a clown, I pretend to be glad (sad, sad, sad, sad)

[Chorus]

Now there's some sad things known to man  
But ain't too much sadder than the tears of a clown  
When there's no one around  
Oh, yeah, baby

[Verse 2]

Now if I appear to be carefree  
It's only to camouflage my sadness  
And honey, to shield my pride I try  
To cover this hurt with a show of gladness  
But don't let my show convince you  
That I've been happy since you  
Decided to go (why did you go?)  
Oh I need you so (I need you so)  
I'm hurt and I want you to know (want you to know)  
But for others I put on a show (it's just a show)  
Ooh yeah

[Chorus]

Now there's some sad things known to man  
But ain't too much sadder than the tears of a clown  
When there's no one around  
Oh yeah

[Bridge]

Just like Pagliacci did  
I try to keep my sadness hid

[Chorus]

Smiling in the public eye  
But in my lonely room I cry the tears of a clown  
When there's no one around  
Oh yeah baby

[Outro]

Now if there's a smile on my face  
Don't let my glad expression  
Give you the wrong impression  
Don't let this smile I wear  
Make you think that I don't care  
When really I'm sad, I'm hurting so bad

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