

# I WAS ONLY JOKING

Rod Stewart

**A** **Amaj7**  
EVER SINCE I WAS A KID AT SCHOOL  
**A7** **D**  
I MESSED AROUND WITH ALL THE RULES  
**Dm** **A** **E** **A**  
APOLOGIZED THEN REALIZED I'M NOT DIFFERENT AFTER ALL  
**Amaj7** **A7** **D**  
ME & THE BOYS THOUGHT WE HAD IT SUSSED; VALENTINOS ALL OF US  
**Dm** **A** **E** **A**  
MY DAD SAID WE LOOKED RIDICULOUS BUT BOY WE BROKE SOME HEARTS  
**Amaj7** **A7** **D**  
IN AND OUT OF JOBS RUNNIN FREE; WAGIN' WAR WITH SOCIETY  
**Dm** **A** **E** **A**  
SOME BLANK FACES STARE BACK AT ME & NOTHIN EVER CHANGED  
**Amaj7** **A7** **D**  
PROMISES MADE IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT CREEPIN HOME BEFORE IT GOT TOO LIGHT  
**Dm** **A** **E** **A**  
I WASTED ALL THAT PRECIOUS TIME AND BLAMED IT ON THE WINE

## Chorus:

**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** **Amaj7** **A7** **D**  
NEVER FOUND A COMPROMISE; COLLECTED LOVERS LIKE BUTTERFLIES  
**Dm** **A** **E** **A**  
ILLUSIONS OF THAT GRAND FIRST PRIZE ARE SLOWLY WASTED  
**Amaj7** **A7** **D**  
SUZIE BABY YOU WERE GOOD TO ME GIVIN' LOVE UNSELFISHLY  
**Dm** **A** **E** **A**  
BUT YOU TOOK IT ALL TOO SERIOUSLY; I GUESS IT HAD TO END

## Repeat chorus

## Instrumental over one verse & chorus

**Amaj7** **A7** **D**  
NOW YOU ASK ME IF I'M SINCERE; THAT'S THE QUESTION THAT I ALWAYS FEAR  
**Dm** **A** **E** **A**  
THE FIRST SEVEN IS NEVER CLEAR BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHAT YOU WANNA HEAR

**Ama j7**

I 'LL TRY TO GIVE YOU ALL YOU WANT  
**A7** **D**

BUT GIVIN' LOVE IS NOT MY STRONGEST POINT  
**Dm** **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

**Dm** **A** **E** **A**

OWNING 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  
**Dm** **A**

THE PRINCIPAL WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THE STAGE  
**E** **A**

THE CROWD DON'T UNDERSTAND