



actors

i was there when the penny dropped
and the whole world fell apart
i was there when all hope died
replaced with nothing at all
and the actors took their place
called from the central casting bar
as the scenery fell
and curtains came crashing down

used to worry about money
used to worry about fame
don't worry about those things any more
i worry about everything else instead

i was there when it all hit home
and the engines started to fail
i was there when all love burnt
replaced with ashes of shame
and the actors took their marks
in the stage lights
weighing emptiness
as the audience poured out the door

used to worry about work
worry about you
don't worry about those things any more
just worry about truth

we're just actors on a page
letters on a stage
fates the author of our unwitting ways
whatever you say or do
we're just actors on a queue
fates the author of our stories dear
hold me near
hold me dear
i'm you fare
i'm your fare

i was there when the music stopped
and the whole carried on
i was there when the paint dried
and the compass turned in your eyes

and the actors stood outside smoking
hungry for another job
staring at the beggars faces
looking for an expression to rob

used to worry about youth
worry about the few
don't worry about those things any more
just worry about you

we're just actors on a page
letters on a stage
fate's the author of our platitudes
whatever you say or do
we're just actors on a queue
joni's strung out on icy altitudes
hold me dear
hold me near
hold me dear
i'm you fare

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