

Numbers Don't Show

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Verse 1

We all began our music
Loving something that we heard
We studied on our instruments
And waited for the word
Whether what we sang was touching
Or we played the wrong notes
We thought we had the stuff
And so we played our first show

Verse 2

At first we thought we made it
But we had a lot to learn
So, we studied music business
Found out how the system flows
That as good as you may be
And however hard you work
All the talent won't get nothing
If the numbers don't show

Chorus

Well, you can learn, learn
You can know, know, know
You can get pretty foxy at the game
But who's in the room when the tickets are sold?
Nothing equals nothing if the numbers don't show

Verse 3

Everybody's in the business
Every critic's got opinions
Everybody has connections
But they never want to share 'em.
They all want to be the manager
But can't supply "the know"
All the helpers don't help nothin'
If the numbers don't show

Verse 4

Well, they can say they'll fix you up

You could make a little dough
You could get a record deal
Playing down on music row
But whatever deal you get
And whatever you borrow
All the money don't mean nothing
If the numbers don't show

Chorus

Verse 6

T Bone could be your co-write
You could intern with Atlantic
You could be the highest grossing
Staff writer in the land
But if you want to join the big leagues
And you haven't got the draw
All the background doesn't matter
If the numbers don't show

Chorus

Verse 7

You could play outside the country
You could sell out every hall
You might see your name in headlines
Even top the Billboard charts
Ya might be famous 'round the world
But if your homeland doesn't know
All the foreign fame don't matter
And the numbers don't show

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