**I WAS ONLY JOKING (Bb)**

Bb BbM7 Bb7 Eb

Ever since I was a kid at school I messed around with all the rules

Ebm Bb F Bb

Apologized then realized I'm not different after all

Me and the boys thought we had it sussed; Valentinos all of us

My dad said we looked ridiculous but boy we broke some hearts

In and out of jobs, running free, waging war with society

Dumb blank faces stare back at me but nothing ever changed

Promises made in the heat of the night creeping home before it got too light

I wasted all that precious time and blamed it on the wine

 Eb F Bb Eb F Bb

I was only joking my dear - looking for a way to hide my fear

 Eb F Bb Cm

What kind of fool was I? I could never win

Never found a compromise; collected lovers like butterflies

Illusions of that grand first prize are slowly wearing thin

Susy baby you were good to me, giving love unselfishly

But you took it all too seriously I guess it had to end

Now you ask me if I'm sincere - That's the question that I always fear

Verse seven is never clear, but I'll tell you what you want to hear

I try to give you all you want, but giving love is not my strongest point

If that's the case it's pointless going on; I'd rather be alone

'Cause what I'm doing must be wrong, pouring my heart out in a song

Owning up for prosperity - for the whole damn world to see

Quietly now while I turn a page; act one is over without costume change

The principal would like to leave the stage - the crowd don't understand

original key: Bb