

**"All the Time Blues Villanelle" by [Tim Seibles](#)**

Hard to watch somebody lose their mind  
Maybe everybody should just go get stoned  
My father said it happens all the time

I knew a woman lost her to soul to wine  
But who doesn't live with their life on loan?  
Shame to watch somebody lose their mind

Don'tchu gotta wonder when people say they're fine?  
Given what we're given, I guess they actin grown  
I think I used to say that all the time

When my parents died, I coined a little shrine  
And thought about all the stuff they used to own  
Felt like I was gonna lose my mind

Used to have a friend who smiled all the time  
Then he started sayin he could hear the devil moan  
Hate to see a brotha lose his [ ] mind

Doesn't matter how you pull, the hours break the line  
Mirror, Mirror on the wall, how come nobody's home?  
Broke my soul for real, when my mother lost her mind

Tried to keep my head right, but sanity's a climb  
Been workin on the straight face—I guess my cover's blown  
My father tried to tell me all the time

Had one last question, baby, but maybe never mind  
After'while, even springtime starts to drone

Hard to see somebody lose their mind  
My pop said, "Boy, it happens all the time"